

Fur, fins and feathers

Whether it's cats, dogs, birds or ferrets, Shaker has its share of weird pets

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A hairy situation

Take a look at some of Shaker's most interesting facial hair specimens

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City issues credit card to benefit Shaker youth

BY LOUISE BURTON
Staff Reporter

A new affinity credit card will be issued sometime in April or May, with a portion of the entity benefitting the Shaker Recreation for Youth Scholarship Program.

Affinity refers to a type of credit card which donates a share of purchases made by users to a particular company, organization or other group. There are hundreds of affinity cards already in existence, ranging from the police force to colleges to alumni associations.

MBNA, a Delaware-based credit card bank, which also has a branch in Beachwood, approached the city on a similar type of card proposal.

According to Mayor Patricia Mearns, the city had received additional offers from other banks, but felt that MBNA had the creative and entrepreneurial drive to manage the deal.

"[The city of Shaker Heights] feels that MBNA has the capability and planning initiative that is essential to carry this out," Mearns said.

The card does not cost the city any money, and therefore will be extremely beneficial, according to Mearns.

"This card will help out our own residents without taxing them and also promote the community," Mearns said.

For every card that is opened and renewed, \$1 will go to the city, followed by an additional .4 percent of all purchases.

The money will benefit the Recreation for Youth Scholarship Program which helps families who cannot afford the tuition fees for Shaker Recreation Center activities such as swimming, basketball, and summer programs. Last year the city provided 49 scholarships to needy families.

The contract for the credit card is set to expire in three years and will be reevaluated at that time. If the city decides to renew the contract, Mearns said two additional two-year contracts will be discussed.

Women's swim team wins district title, defeats Hawken

BY COURTNEY MASINI
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Many of the smiling faces in the halls this week probably belong to members of the women's swim team, and with good reason. They won the North-Northeast District Swim Meet last Saturday, ending Hawken's 15-year domination of the meet.

The victory was made that much sweeter knowing that they lost by just four points at districts last year and lost to Hawken three times during the regular season this year.

The men's team tied with Hawken for third place.

The meet started on Thursday with the diving competition. Sophomore Elena Casal came in sixth, one place short of securing a berth for states.

On Friday, the swimming events began, and Shaker came first in four out of five events. The 200-yard medley relay made up of freshman Agnese Ozolina, juniors Kelly Scott and Jane Calfee and senior Erin Yates set a new meet and school record with their time of 1:48.35.

Ozolina then placed first in the 200-yard freestyle setting another school record. Calfee won the 200-yard individual medley, and sophomore Schuyler Holmes set a school record while winning



TIME TO CELEBRATE! Members of the women's swim team gather on the podium to receive their first-place trophy at the district meet last Saturday. They defeated Hawken who had ruled districts for 15 years.

Shakerite photo courtesy of Crosbie McCourt

the 100-yard butterfly. Several other Shaker swimmers placed, but only the top three in each event advance to the state meet this weekend in Canton. Eleven women and 8 men did this to earn spots on the state team.

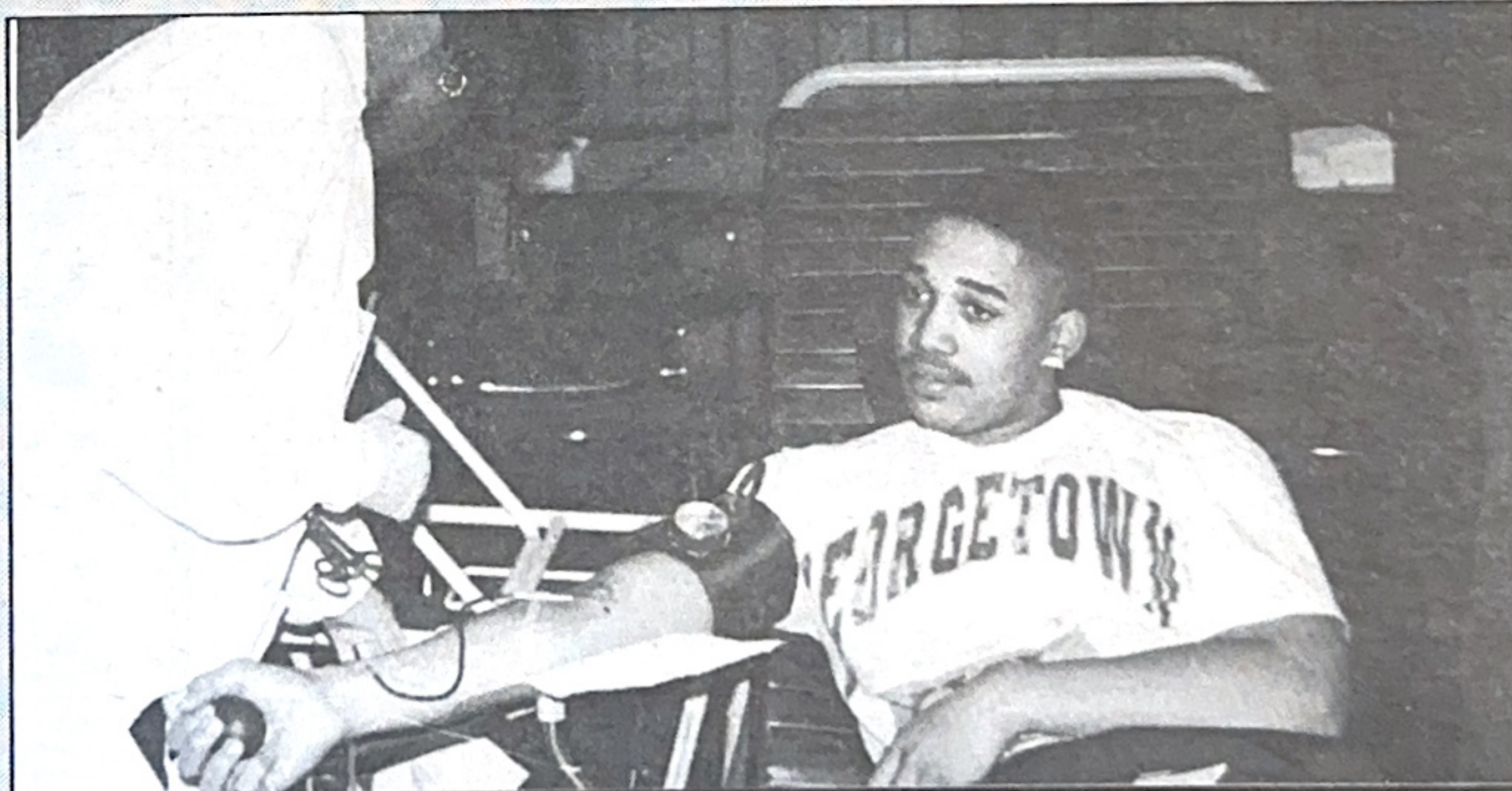
The team was thrilled to finally beat Hawken.

"It's overwhelming," Calfee said. "Nobody has beaten them in 15 years and now we did. It's amazing."

Scott credited the win to teamwork. "The main factor was the team working together rather than individually," she said.

Despite the previous losses to Hawken, Yates said the team did not think negatively.

"We never gave up hope or doubted ourselves," Yates said. "[The losses] made us want to beat them more and show them we knew who was the best."



GIVING FOR LIFE. Senior Marlo Bloxson watches as a Red Cross nurse inserts a needle in his arm. Bloxson was one of the many Shaker students who donated blood on Feb. 15 during the Bloodmobile in the social room.

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Results of '94 ninth grade proficiency tests show improvements in two areas

% who passed	'90	'91	'92	'93	'94
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Citizenship	75%	82%	83%	79%	81%

Faculty members compete in Wellness Program

BY NAWAL ATWAN
Staff Reporter

Over 60 high school staff members are competing to eat less, exercise more and maintain a healthy diet as a part of a district-wide 60-day weight loss challenge sponsored by the Shaker Schools Wellness Committee.

Nine other Shaker school buildings are contenders against the high school to find which building can lose the greatest total average percentage of weight by March 29. The winning team will be awarded a party, and t-shirts are provided to selected teams. The \$1 registration fee will be donated to the winning team's charity of choice.

Over 210 teachers and staff participants will be weighed privately by the building nurses three times over the 60 day period which began Feb. 1.

Many staff members have vowed to discontinue their old eating and exercise habits and instead follow a healthier path to weight loss and fitness.

"The challenge is a fun way to tackle a significant issue. I am eating less and walking more. The staff participants provide support and we get encouragement from each other," principal Jack Rumbaugh said. "I am now walking past the doughnut stand in the morning. I don't want to disappoint my team members."

Secretary Marian Travis said she made a goal to exercise more on her way

to healthier living.

"I try to be regular with my exercise routine. I do 30 minutes on the exercycle in the morning. I'm also staying away from fats and cholesterol," Travis said.

The weight loss challenge is not intended as a starvation diet but a way to promote healthy living to lose about a pound a week, according to Wellness Consultant Cheryl Agranovich who heads the program.

"A positive way to lose weight is on the job together. In the middle school the

staff has posted a chart in the office monitoring the amount of exercise participants are doing. They have also replaced their candy dishes with lowfat foods. People realize that this program is the first 60 days of the rest of their lives," Agranovich said.

The 22-member Wellness Committee which sponsors the 60-day challenge surveyed teachers and staff in June to find what services they desire. The committee has held fitness festivals, health screenings, body fat measurements and smokeouts

for Shaker staff members, according to Agranovich.

The Wellness Committee has provided the staff with health tips about exercising, drinking more water, eating healthy and stress management for the weight loss challenge. A dietician will travel to each building to help staff members achieve their goals, according to Agranovich.

"I think the challenge is a great idea. It is good to know other people are encouraging me. I have been trying to lose weight all my life - unsuccessfully. I am optimistic that it might work this time," marketing education teacher Mark Leimsieder said.

Each building team has a captain who helps keep participants on the program. High school captain, secretary Roberta Donaldson, submitted healthy recipes to her team members for support.

"I think the weight loss challenge encourages the staff to lose weight and exercise with a daily routine. It helps them keep up with their everyday lives and gives them more energy during the day," Donaldson said.

The 60-day challenge is an incentive to be more healthy and lively, according to English teacher Carol Van Valkenburg.

"I am concerned about living a healthy life. I did not form a real diet plan but I walk my dog every morning, drink more water and watch my fat intake. The emphasis on health is of most importance," Van Valkenburg said.

Exchange students on their way

BY AARON GALVIN
Staff Reporter

A student at Takatori High School stands and looks at his school; he is lucky.

The massive earthquake which hit Japan on Jan. 23 caused minor damage to our sister school, Takatori, but many Japanese citizens' homes and buildings were destroyed.

The quake killed 5,000 people and

injured another 25,000. It measured 7.2 on the seismic scale (6.8 on the American Richter scale), and lasted a mere 20 seconds, but left the area in shambles.

Takatori is approximately 125 miles away from the epicenter of the quake.

History department head Terry Pollack, who is in charge of the Japanese foreign exchange program, said the school was not seriously affected.

"I spoke with one of the teachers that will be joining us in the spring, and he said

that there was no major damage," Pollack said.

Many of the Area Studies students are housing the exchange students, and many said they are looking forward to their arrival.

"When the Japanese students come to Area Studies, we will participate in a lot of interesting activities with them. That will heighten our knowledge of the Japanese culture," sophomore Sarah Abbot said.

A few of the students have spoken on the phone or through letters, and said the Japanese students are looking forward to coming.

"They sound very excited about sharing in the American culture, with us," freshman Gretchen Williams said.

Takatori is sending 14 high school students and two teachers to the high school in the spring. English teacher Dana Noble, who is also in charge of the exchange program, said there are many students who want to come and experience American life.

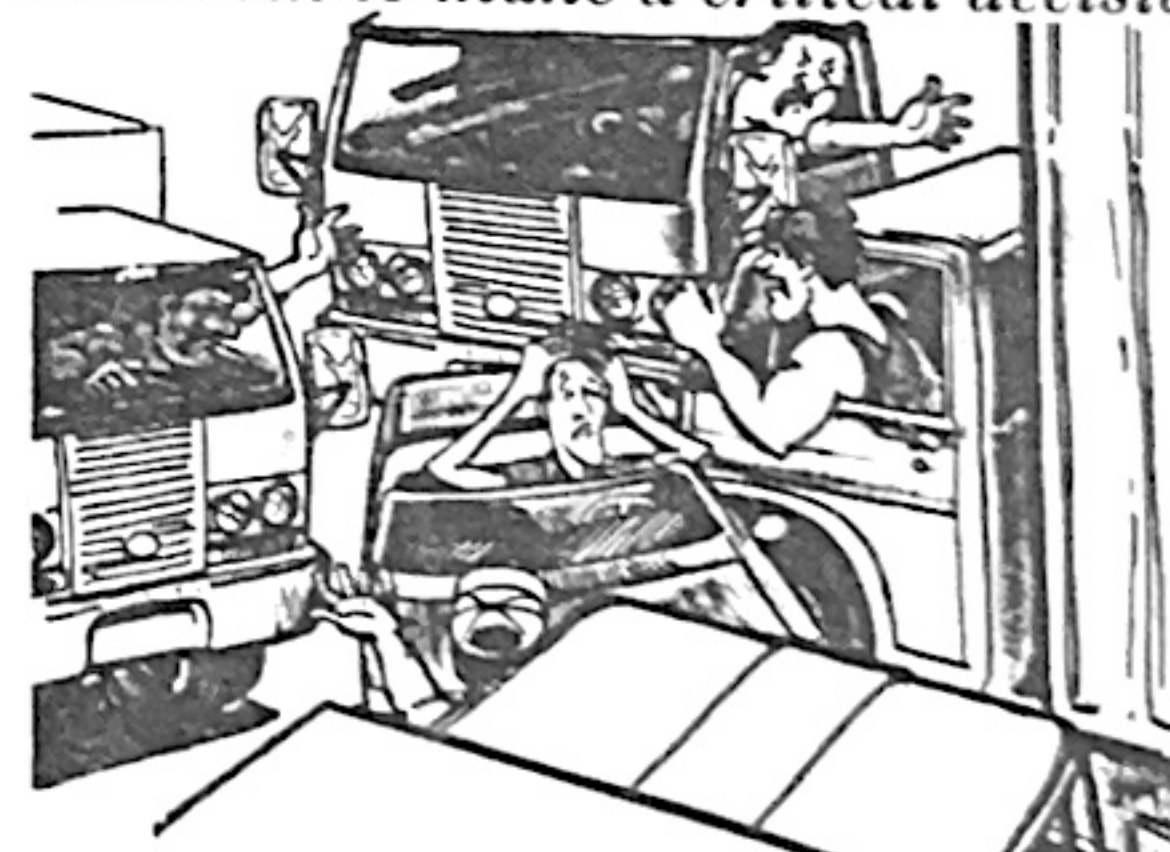
"They are so excited about coming. They had 50-80 applicants, and they have to narrow it down to 14. They'll use the English that they are taught and expand upon that," he said.



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First-time voters voice opinions

BY STEPHANIE HOLLOWAY

Staff Reporter

Although today's younger generation is often thought of as politically inactive by many adults, high school students showed in the recent election just how much they care about the issues.

"I was really excited to vote for the first time. I felt it was very important to vote because my generation needs representation and deserves to be heard," senior Robyn Margulies said.

Many students, like Margulies, expressed the importance of voting. Senior Andy Pohl said people in other countries are actually dying for the right to vote. Pohl said it is important never to take voting rights for granted. Senior Todd Barnett said voting is important because one vote can make a difference.

"Although the levy passed by a wide margin, I feel the votes of students did have an impact on the results. If you don't like the way things are, you have the power to change them. If you don't vote, then don't complain when things aren't the way you would like them to be," Barnett said.

Students who voted in the past election only voted on one issue. A few students, however, were able to vote in the November election. They were able to vote on a greater number of issues and choose from a wider selection of candidates.

"It was weird to vote in November because I didn't

know that there were so many candidates and positions to vote on. My parents embarrassed me in front of their friends, by telling all of them I could vote. They were almost more excited than I was," senior Allyson Schmidt said.

Some people have expressed frustration that students who do not pay property taxes are allowed to vote on the levy issue. The law, however, states that once people turn 18 they are allowed to vote.

"If the right of high school students to vote on local issues, such as levies, is taken away, the voting privileges of all 18-year-olds would be in jeopardy," senior Jonathan Litt said.

Some students said they feel that if they are old enough to vote at 18, they should also be allowed to have all the other rights of adults.

"I think that the U.S. is full of contradictions. We can vote and die for our country at 18, but we can't drink and some of us don't pay taxes. It just doesn't make sense," Margulies said.

Overall, students said they found voting to be a rewarding experience. Many said they hope other people will take advantage of voting so that their voices will be heard too.

While most students expressed positive attitudes about voting and enjoyed being able to participate, there were some students who did not vote in the last election.

"I planned to vote, but fell asleep and woke up at 7:30," senior Felipe Bendezu said.



LET'S TAKE A VOTE. Senior Jon Litt participates in his first election. Many other seniors also cast their votes in the Feb. 7 special election for the levy.

Shakerite photo by Larry Latson

High school celebrates Black History Month

BY RICHIE DUCHON

Staff Reporter

Daily announcements, speaker George Fraser and a book fair are highlights of the way the high school is commemorating this year's Black History Month.

History teacher Chuck Spinner said it is important for students to participate in Black History Month, and that it is not only up to the teachers to decide what to do.

"It's not what I am doing, but what you are doing," Spinner said.

While Spinner said he believes it is the students' responsibility to decide what should go on during this month, he has organized a program in his

Humanities classes where each student is given a famous black historical figure to research and report about over the P.A.

system each day during the end of first period. Spinner said he does not know whether or not these reports have any effect on the school population, but he said at least his students feel they have done something substantial for the month.

"It's not what I am doing [concerning black history month], but what you are doing,"

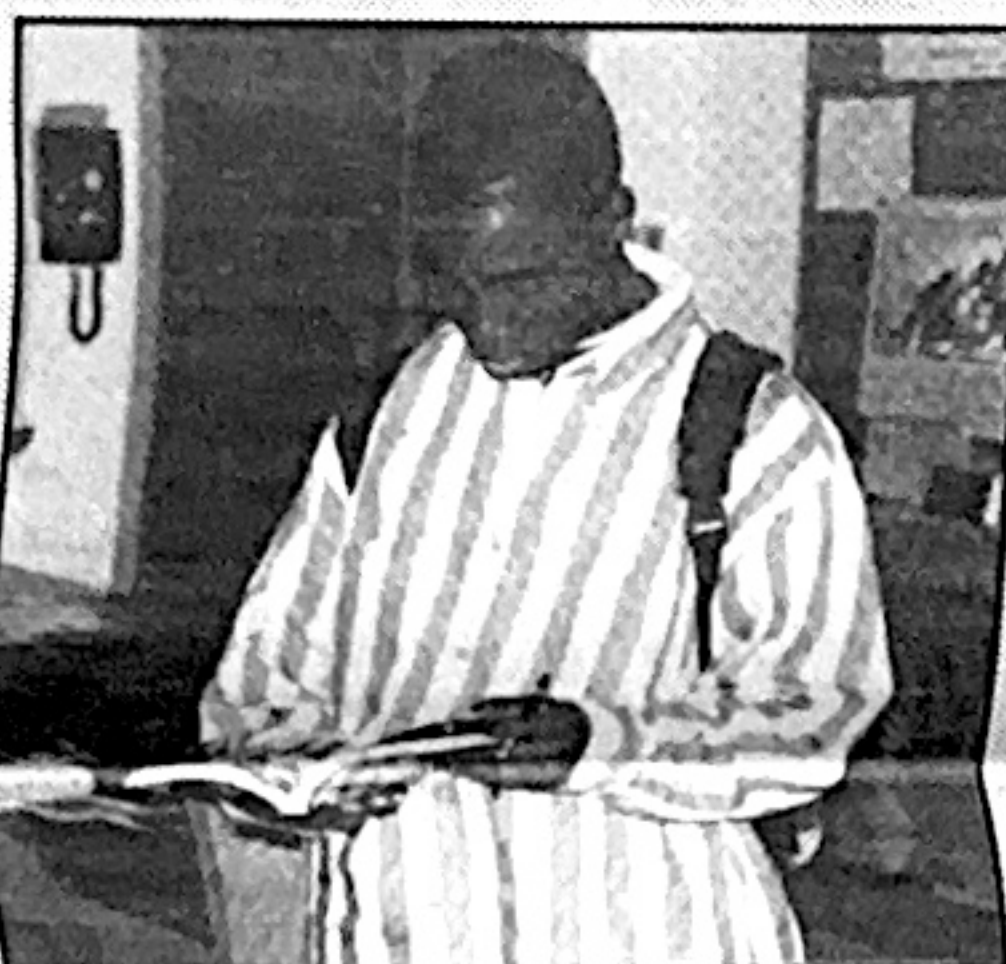
**—History teacher
Chuck Spinner**

George Fraser, a motivational speaker, author and businessman came to speak to students about his success as an African American.

Fraser, author of the best selling book, *Success Runs In Our Race*, spoke to students about how to succeed in today's society.

A book fair on Feb. 16 and 17 was organized by reading specialist Michael Nash. The fair featured books, T-shirts and

other items dealing with various aspects of African-American life, culture and history.



HMM...VERY INTERESTING. A high school student looks through a book at the Black History Book Fair. This book fair is one of the ways Black History Month is being celebrated.

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Students, administration share blame for lack of interest in school issues, ideas, concerns

THE RITE IDEA

Finally. After complaining for over a semester that the administration does not give us the opportunity to voice our opinions, we were given the chance at a meeting on Feb. 15. And yet only three students, all Shakerite reporters out for a story, showed up.

The blame for this poor turn-out, however, does not rest solely with the students. The problem is that students do not feel as if we have any ownership of the school. We follow guidelines based upon decisions of others—we hardly ever get to make decisions about our own school. If we felt this high school was really ours, perhaps more students

would pick up trays in the cafeteria, would treat the school with more respect, would participate in meetings about our concerns and would have more spirit.

But is it any wonder that students do not take ownership for the school, when we were not even allowed to elect class officers and there is no student council? While we learn in government class about the importance of democratic elections, this year, for the sake of expediency, class officers were appointed. The administrative decision indicated to many students that our opinions are not valued. According to the Mission of the Shaker Schools, "The District will nurture, educate, and graduate students who are civic minded." It would be nice if administrative action followed administrative jargon. It is easier for the administration to deal with a passive group of students and not have to deal with pressure from student council, but at what cost?

Nevertheless, if students feel that we lack power in this school, then we need to take initiative. Students need to find out who their class officers are, find out what activities are planned and make the effort to attend meetings to discuss school problems. If we think that the administration has sent a bad message by cutting student council, what kind of message are we sending by remaining apathetic? Our principal, Dr. A. Jack Rumbaugh, said in his introductory letter in the 1994-95 Program Planning Guide, "I want to invite you to stop by my office at any time during the year to share your pleasures and frustrations with Shaker."

The meeting organized to discuss students' concerns indicated that the staff is willing to listen. Now it is up to us to make sure we are heard.

CHEERS & JEERS

Cheers to senior project coming up in 10 short weeks.

Jeers term papers.

Cheers to the men's and women's swim teams: going strong heading into states.

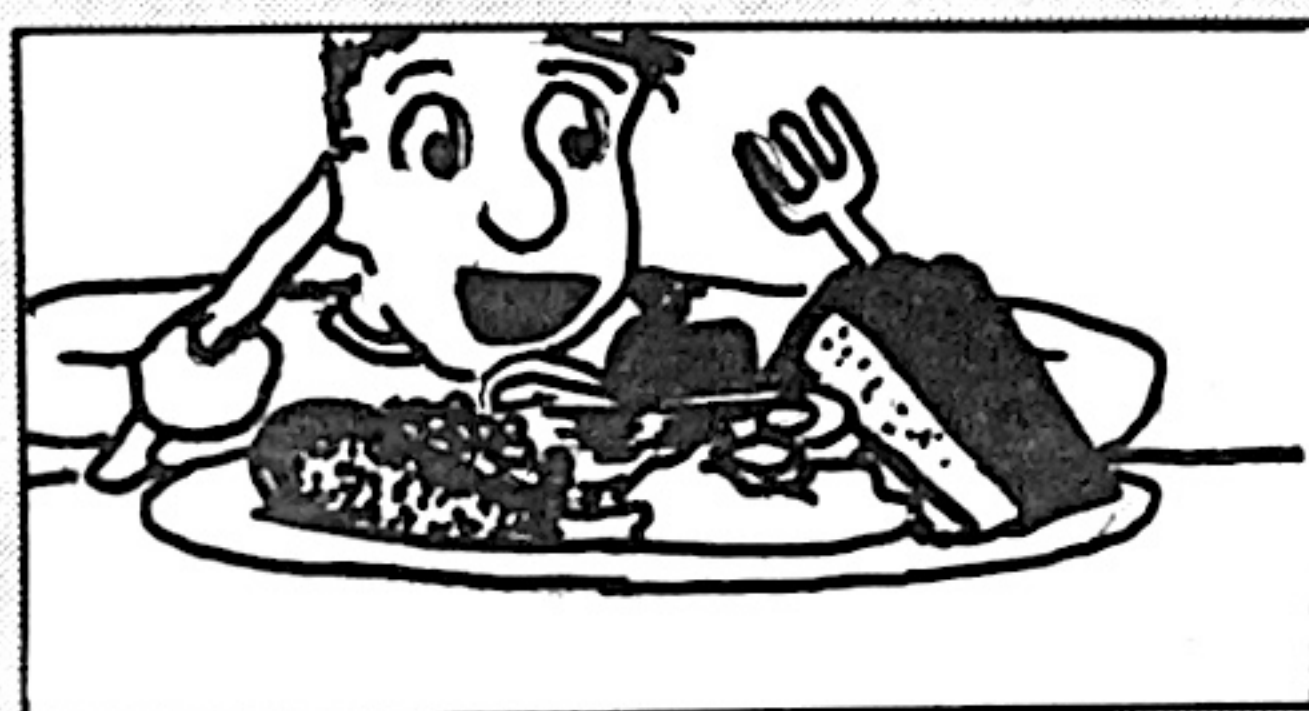
Jeers to the baseball strike— if I want to see fat, uncoordinated men play a sport, I'll turn on some bowling.

Cheers to having one three-point shot for a million dollars.

Jeers to throwing an airball.

Cheers to all-you-can-eat buffets.

Jeers to sophomores driving— we have to get to school at 6:20 a.m. to get a space on the oval.



Cheers to the academic decathlon team for bringing home so many medals.

Jeers to getting gum stuck on your lips.

Cheers to long weekends.

Jeers to long weeks.

Cheers to raisins, nature's candy.

THE TOP TEN

Surefire ways to have a terrible date

10. Pick up your date on your brand new bicycle built for two.
 9. Three words: garlic onion pizza.
 8. Rent Leonard Part VI and Howard the Duck for your viewing pleasure.
 7. Go the cheap route: take your date on a scenic tour of Cleveland via the rapid.
 6. Treat your date to the Extra-Value meal of their choice at McDonald's.
 5. Forget to zip up.
 4. Become "at one" with your food, and forgo the use of utensils.
 3. Impress your date with your ability to gargle milk for over five minutes.
 2. Use your retainer for a centerpiece.
- ...and the number one way is...

1. Invite the waiter to sit on your date's lap while you order.

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Homosexuals denied basic rights

BY REBECCA ENTEL
Co-Opinion Editor

"We are confronted primarily with a moral issue. It is as old as the Scriptures and is as clear as the American Constitution. The heart of the question is whether all Americans are to be afforded equal rights and equal opportunities."

When President John F. Kennedy spoke these words, the country was in the midst of the civil rights movement. The nation was in turmoil

"Denying rights to homosexual Americans which are guaranteed to heterosexual Americans is a direct violation on the values on which we strive to build our country."

because it had forbidden its citizens rights due to the color of their skin. Thirty years later, though racism still exists in several forms, it is accepted that racism is wrong—both socially and legally. In many ways, however, we as Americans have failed to fully learn the lessons of the civil rights movement. We have failed to see that our society must be free from all forms of prejudice and discrimination.

In order to do so we must protect all citizens from blatant discrimination. The law fails to do this for homosexual Americans.

Homosexuals cannot legally be married in the United States. They cannot serve their country in the armed forces without strict regulations on what they are allowed to say. In the November election, voters in Colorado used their ballots to strip them of legal protection against discrimination. They are denied jobs. They are alienated and harassed on college campuses around the country.

Why then, in the fundamental documents of our country, does it say that "...all men are created equal...they are endowed...with certain inalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness?"

Denying rights to homosexual Americans which are guaranteed to heterosexual Americans is a direct violation of the values on which we strive to build our country.

Many Americans still feel that discrimination against homosexuals is justifiable. Their list of 'reasons' is endless. This attitude, however, only has negative effects on our society. Discrimination is discrimination, no matter whom it is directed against. If we fail to recognize this, we fail all those who struggled for civil rights, and all those who deserve these rights.

As Martin Luther King Jr. wrote in his book, *Why We Can't Wait*, "...the civil-rights movement will have contributed infinitely more to the nation than the eradication of racial injustice. It will have enlarged the concept of brotherhood to a vision of total interrelatedness. On that day, [the] doctrine, 'no man is an island,' will find its truest application in the United States."

On that day, we will truly learn what it is to be committed to the fight against all prejudices. And on that day, there will be freedom and justice for all.

Black history belongs in classroom throughout year, not just February

BY STEPHANIE HOLLOWAY
Staff Reporter

February is Black History Month, the one month out of the year that we supposedly use to honor the achievements of black Americans in our country.

This year Black History Month has featured several spectacular events. Each morning during the last few moments of first period we are enlightened with quick facts and quotes on the black American of the day. Then of course there was the Black History Month assembly and last but not least the African-American book sale.

It is unfortunate that in a school like Shaker Heights High School, that is regarded as one of the top high schools in the nation, we are failing to educate our students on one half of our population. During my four years of high school, I was forced to select a separate course in order to learn about my history. I can recall sitting in one social studies class after the next, wondering how my people's history could be condensed into a couple of chapters. My people's blood, toil and hard work built the foundation of this country and we spent less than a week learning about them. I went searching for the answers to these questions. I heard the same answer repeatedly. "We live in a predominantly European society, therefore that is the history that we study." It is rationalizations like this that only help to further strain race relations. Black men fought and died for this land of "equal opportunity." Black people helped to

advance and industrialize this country and our school's answer is, "We live in a predominantly European society?" Because I am in the minority, the history of my people deserves to be ignored?

We don't need announcements on Martin Luther King Jr., Malcolm X or Marcus Garvey. Though they were important historical figures, they are not the only black people who had significant achievements. We don't need announcements on actors, dancers and athletes because although their achievements are significant too, they are stereotypical. We need announcements on people like Jean Baptiste Point du Sable who established the first permanent settlement in Chicago. We need announcements on people like William H. Hastie the first black federal court judge. In a school with an equal number of blacks and whites, African-American history shouldn't be an elective. It should be required or integrated into the present history curriculum.

In Shaker Heights we would like to think we are at the height of cultural awareness. It should not take the month of



February, however, to roll around before we recognize black history. Let's not recognize Black History Month because it is February or because it is politically correct, but because we care about the interesting and rich history and heritage of black Americans in our society.

Breaking up is hard to do—one senior parts with his car, learns about life in the process

BY JONATHAN HARRIS
Co-Arts & Entertainment Editor

Recently, I experienced the first major tragedy of my life.

No, it was not a death, thank God. Nothing happened to my dog (although some of my friends are probably mad about that). Actually, in comparison to what could have happened, it is not really that big of a deal. To me, however, it was a big deal.

Two Sundays ago, my car was taken to the trash dump, never to be seen or driven in again. Anyone who knows me knows the big yellow boat, which was an integral part of my being, who I am.

Despite all of its less-desirable features: the back window that never went up even in the sub-zero temperatures of winter, the fuel gauge that didn't work so that I never knew how much gas I had (which came to haunt me when my car ran out of gas on the way to school and had to be towed), the hole in the washer fluid tank, the fact that the interior was a perpetual trash dump, and, of course, its size, the car was not only a motorized vehicle to me, but a friend.

I cannot remember ever being in a bad mood while I was driving the golden buck-

et; I was always relaxed and happy. The car didn't have an attitude like other newer, expensive cars. And who can overlook its plush interior and the fact that it was "ride engineered?"

After I lost my ride I realized that it wasn't the actual car that I missed. I felt like I had lost my freedom when I lost the Marquis.

I now understand the importance of a driver's license and the actual ownership of a car for a teenager. All juniors, seniors

years with The Marquis, I see that it was my ticket to independence. I had to pay for the car: all of the gas, the repairs, the insurance. If I had something to do, I hopped in my ride and went. If I wanted to do anything, I did it. All I had to do was go outside and turn the key—the key to freedom.

Being a second semester senior today, I count the days until I go far away to college. Before I lost my car I thought this was just because I wanted to be on my own. While this is still true, I realize that The Marquis was the catalyst to my independence.

Now I am rideless. And now I feel like this independence is slipping away, which intensifies my need to go to college. If I could leave tonight for college, I would.

Those who have cars right now should think about how their life would change without that car. Don't take it for granted, because there are many of us out there who don't have the freedom

and independence that you have (and what I once had).

So now I may not have a car, but I do have a pair of useless keys, a sticker salvaged from the back window, and a bike that has two flat tires.



Foul play: Owners and players should stop playing games for fans' sake

BY MICHAEL BECKER
Co-Sports Editor

"Ricky Vaughn, Willie Hayes? I never heard of most of them," the man in the coffeeshop said. "Mitchell Friedman?" "Who are these (expletive) guys?" the construction worker adds.

You probably have now recognized these quotes from the movie *Major League*, where the owner of the Indians hires no-name and retread baseball players in order to make sure the team is bad enough to relocate to Miami.

The problem is, in real life, you can still read the roster on opening day and have never heard of any of the players, and the Indians are not trying to lose on purpose.

In fact, every team is composed of scabs because money-grubbing baseball players have gone on strike from the equally greedy owners. Replacement players are now being signed to take real major league jobs away from current players.

Instead of Carlos Baerga at second, you will be looking at Joe Schmoe. There may be a Belle of Lofton in the outfield but their first names will not be Albert or Kenny. Chances are you will not see a "Wild Thing" emerge either, because all of the top prospects are on the 40 man strike roster and the chances are slim that an average double A or triple A player can play with major league quality. Who knows, though? Maybe another Babe Ruth will emerge.

The fact that they are getting paid much less (\$115,000, non-guaranteed) than everyday major leaguers will make them to try harder is a common argument of people willing to see replacement players.

Ooh, they try harder. I would try harder than anybody in order to play in the

big leagues, but there is no way I could even remotely compete at such a high level.

The only advantage to these scabs is the reduced ticket prices—up to 50 percent off, depending on the team's payroll. But as soon as a s play-ers

players and owners were not so ignorant.

The owners complain that a salary cap is needed for small market teams. This makes sense because while New York can rake in \$50 million from television revenue, Cleveland picks up only \$2 million. The players feel a

up to 100 percent for every dollar over a certain cap. However, the players still see this as another version of a salary cap. There are other smaller issues involved, but this salary cap is the most important.

The owners have lost every other time the players have gone on strike, settling for free agency and arbitration, but this is the first time the players are striking to take away something from the owners. Unfortunately, since baseball is the only sport with an anti-trust exemption, it cannot be taken to court, so the strike can last a long time.

Who should fans side with? Not the owners, they cannot take away players rights once they have given in to them.

Then side with the players. No, they are already making an average of over \$1 million per year. They really need to strike so they can afford three Ferraris instead of two Ferraris and one Porsche.

Well, I guess we should side with whichever group looks as if it will win. To fans baseball will always be a game. Whatever side looks as if it will fold the soonest, we should pressure until it caves in.

So are we going to see Major League Baseball this year? Reebok, the shoe company, is signing up real players like Albert Belle, to play in a sandlot league. It would be nice to see these stars play against authentic talent such as this, but I would much rather go to Jacobs Field than some little league field in Brook Park.

It is true, the replacement Indians could have a magical year and win a scab World Series, but with such a solid nucleus, the real team has a much better shot. It would be horrible to ruin two consecutive seasons for the fans because of a little greed by everybody else.

President Clinton, with his mediator William Ustery, is even involved now. He has the best idea, settle it with a couple of Louisville Sluggers. But if the head of the free world cannot solve such a problem, what can typical fans like us do?



Shakerite artwork by Jennifer Johnson

begin crossing the picket line and the payroll increases, so will the price you pay for a ticket. This means that ticket prices could be changed one hour before the first pitch if a player decides to cross the line right then.

None of this would be a problem if the

salary cap would infringe on them being paid as much as possible.

Of course, if the owners would accept a revenue sharing idea, almost everyone would be happy. Why should the big markets agree to have their money taken away? Presently, the idea is to charge taxes

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Student spells out dissatisfaction with mistakes

To the editor:

Another issue of the *Shakerite* and another 16 pages of misspellings and grammatical errors. I am no English scholar, but I do know correct grammar and correct spelling. I am also aware of a handy device called a dictionary, which not only gives the definition of a word, but also its correct spelling.

I have spoken with friends of mine on the *Shakerite* staff and have generally received the same answer: "It is not my fault." The editors blame the reporters and the reporters blame the editors. With all the blame being tossed around, no one has time to notice the next set of mistakes sneaking into the next issue. Someone needs to take the blame or a new prerequisite for the *Shakerite* should be a B or above in a comprehensive English language course.

—James Town, junior

Brave reporter survives a week without flesh

BY RYAN GOHMANN
Co-Arts & Entertainment Editor

I entered the world of vegetarianism on Jan. 31. I never thought about the consequences of my actions.

To tell the truth, this was my idea. I thought that it would be fun. It was not fun. It was however, one of the strangest, hardest experiences in my life.

The newness of my little experiment wore off quickly. My diet basically consisted of cheese, milk, yogurt, and peanut butter and jelly sandwiches. I found out that I wasn't allowed to have as much as I thought I could.

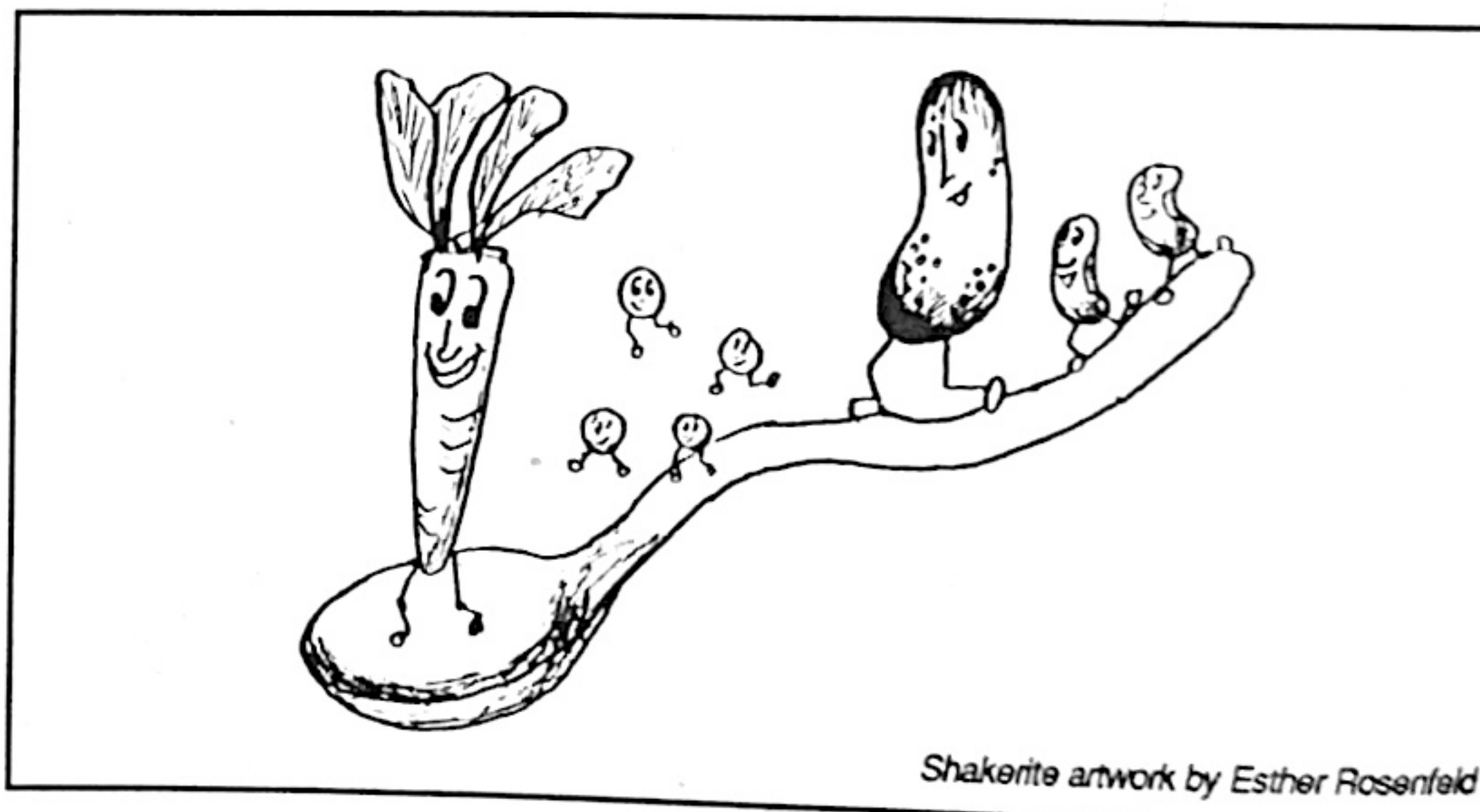
Along with hamburgers and chicken, I gave up those little fruit snacks shaped like dinosaurs because gelatin comes from animals.

I thought that being a veggie would make me feel better, more healthy. To a certain extent, it did, but what I noticed mostly was that I had to eat a lot more in order to feel full. We did not have a whole lot that I could eat at my house, so I had to eat a lot of little things that did not have meat in it.

The worst thing about the ordeal of vegetarianism was the TV commercials that insisted on tempting me with images of steak and fried chicken. The continuous McDonald's commercials depicting special prices on double cheeseburgers...

Probably the best part of being a vegetarian was the fact that I could choose whatever I wanted to eat, and I did not have to eat what my mom cooked.

This may not seem like a huge plus, but



Shakerite artwork by Esther Rosenfeld

believe me, it is. When there was some sort of bean concoction on the table at dinner-time, it was nice to be able to say that I could not eat it because they were cooked in chicken broth.

As my time in purgatory began to wind down, the idea of going through the drive-thru of a fast food restaurant and ordering at least four cheeseburgers started to look better and better.

The commercials continued to come at full force, and I barely resisted the urge to try veggie-burgers. Luckily, I survived the temptation, or I may have been seriously injured by the lack of good quality meat.

Finally, the week was over. I waited and waited until 6:00 for my mom to get home from work with my hamburger. When she walked through the door, the smell alone drew me toward the table, where I waited

expectantly for the deliciously processed cow meat to enter my system.

The hamburger tasted awful! I had heard stories about being turned off of meat by staying away from it, but I had never thought that it would happen to me. I did not want to be a vegetarian forever, just for one week. I did not ask for this!

My next day was spent worrying. Was I converted to the ways of the veggie? The true test was my trip to Taco Bell after the day was over.

I took the first bite of the beef slowly, waiting for the feeling that I hoped would be intense pleasure.

It was. My time as a herbivore was finished, and I could go back to my heart-stopping, artery clogging eating lifestyle. It was great to be back in the land of the sane, the land of the meat eaters.

Think you are a Brady fan?: Test your knowledge

1. Who broke Carol's favorite vase with a basketball?
2. What was the name of the Brady's blond cousin?
3. What is the worst thing that happens in Hawaii after the Brady's find the bad-luck idol?
4. Who had a fear of Peter's "disappearing box" magic trick?

1-Peter, 2-Oliver, 3-Greg has a surfing accident, 4. Cindy

Scott gives his picks for hottest games

BY SCOTT FULLER
Staff Reporter

Scott's Score: **////**

◆ NBA Live '95 for Super NES (\$69.99) and Genesis (\$64.99)

This is probably the best basketball game out right now. The graphics are great, the play is fast, it's got all the players (well, most of them), and the dunks are awesome. The over-angle view of the court is cool, too. The players in the Super Nintendo version are bigger, but as a result the Genesis version is a little faster. You make a lot more of your shots in the Genesis version, which can be good or bad depending on whether you're scoring or

game, like most fighting games, holds your interest for more than about ten minutes.

Scott's Score: **////**

◆ Madden NFL '95 for Super NES and Genesis (\$59.99)

Another disappointment. Games from the Madden series have been great in the past, but this one's a bust. The graphics aren't that great (the football players run like bow-legged ostriches), and this version is a lot easier than the past ones. Besides, I bet Madden '96 will be out before you know it.

Scott's Score: **///**

◆ Donkey Kong Country for Super NES (\$59.99)

My how the simple run and jump video games have progressed. While the concept is the same—run through the levels without getting killed—this is phenomenally better than the original Super Mario Bros. The graphics are amazing and the music is top-notch. The only reason why this game doesn't get a six is that I get tired of adventure games after awhile. But you still should play it at least

once.
Scott's Score: **////**

◆ NFL '95 for Genesis (\$64.99)

This football game differs from others in that it has some unique features: when you drop back to pass, the view scans way down the field, and when you hand off, the camera zooms in on the player. However, play calling, along with other basic controlling aspects of the game, can be very confusing.

Scott's Score: **////**

◆ Mortal Kombat II for Super NES (\$69.99) and Genesis (\$64.99)

For all the hype this game has gotten, you would think it might be better than it is. Sure, it might have the best graphics of any video game out, but it really isn't a lot better than the first. More fighters have been added, and now the Super NES version has the blood and gore along with the Genesis. I would be surprised if this

being scored upon.

Scott's Score: **////**

Yes, we are in high school now. Yes, we are getting a little old for childish games. Yes, we do have much better things we could be doing. But, yes, many students are STILL playing video games.

For some, nothing is better to take out their frustrations after a hard day of sitting through boring classes than to go home and beat the you-know-what out of some video game character. For others, it helps them relax for that big test the next day (how's that for an excuse as to why you're not studying?). Below are some current top selling video games that you might want to give a try.

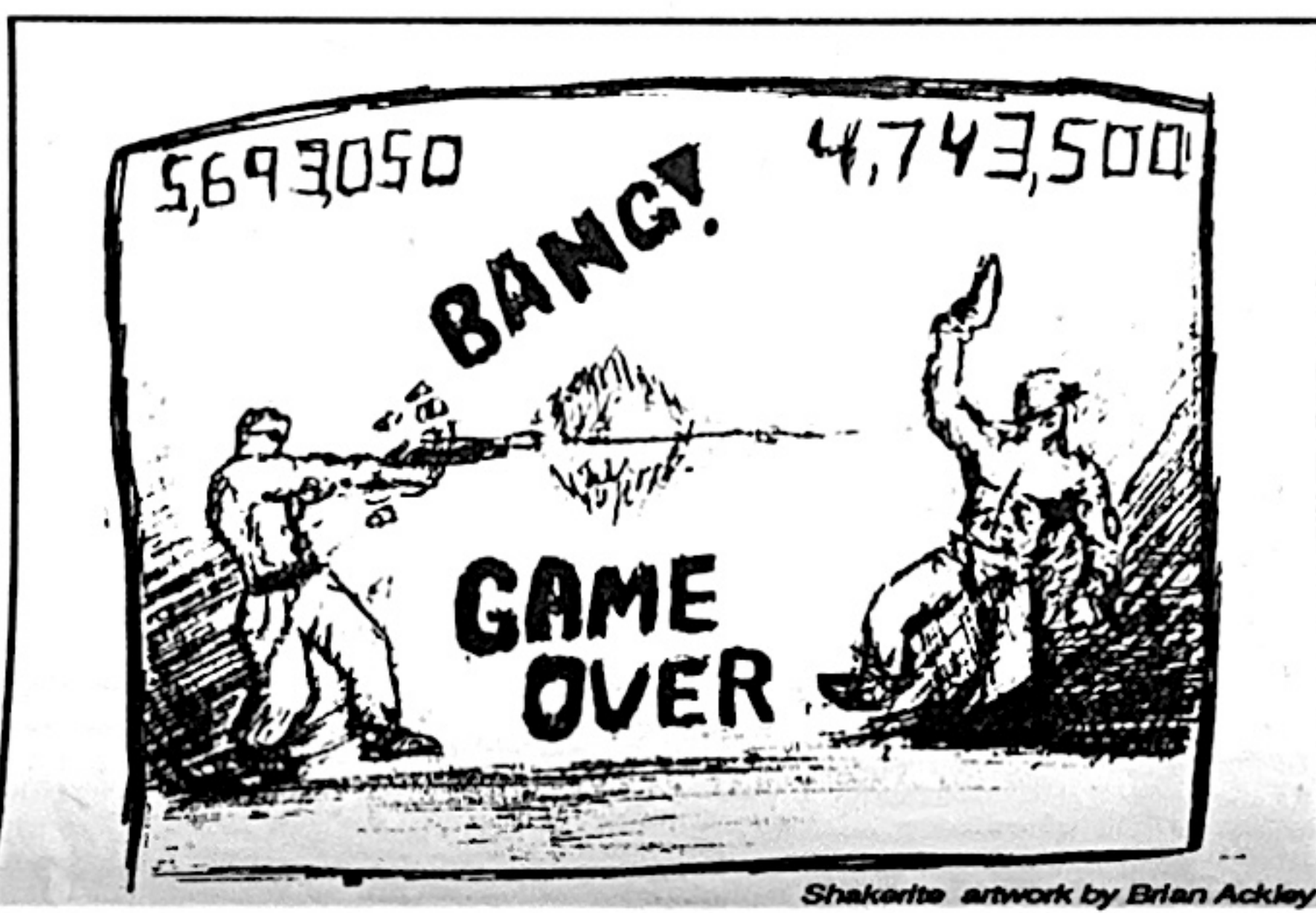
◆ NHL '95 for Super Nintendo and Sega Genesis (\$64.95)

If you like hockey, you'll probably like this game, and if you don't like hockey, you might like it, too. There is plenty of fast-paced action, and smashing someone with a ferocious check is always fun. The ever-popular organ tunes are here to get you pumped for the game, and lots of different statistics are kept. You can even create your own players.

Scott's Score (out of 6): **////**

◆ The Lion King for Super NES and Genesis (\$69.99)

Many people shy away from the fact that this sounds like a little kiddie game, but actually it isn't. It's really difficult, and the music and graphics are good too. You should give it a try especially if you liked the movie.



Shakerite artwork by Brian Ackley

'Madness' and 'Sunrise' provide winter break

Much like *Natural Born Killers*, in the *Mouth of Madness* is a film with vision. It is based on an idea so unique, so darkly beautiful, it's inspiring. The thought is to question what is real, who is madness, and what is evil.

The plot is difficult to summarize. The only thing the viewer can be sure is taking place is that a horror novelist by the name of Sutter Cane is churning out books that make people crazy. The majority of the movie, though, is open to interpretation. It could be that Cane's fiction becomes reality, and a hellish town by the name of Hope's End is created. The town's zombie-like inhabitants (Hope's Enders, presumably), wreak havoc on the assumed sanity of the rest of the world. Or it could be that it is all in the head of the main character, John, as he zips past the mouth, down the esophagus, and directly into the innards of madness.

The special effects, while not half bad, are not Steven Spielberg's. When John is being chased down a passage between the worlds, one can't help but think that his pursuers could have been more terrifying than what appears to be a pack of slimy, sharp-toothed Muppet characters. This scene made the viewer feel he is watching a low-budget horror flick. Such scenes,

sorry to say, are there, although they are few enough to be ignored. Once done, the movie as a whole is a crazy look at a victorious evil force, and the end of the world.

The very fiber of existence hangs in the balance as Sam Neil screams his way into a world of utter madness. He is a good actor, and an excellent screamer; he does both particularly well in this performance. Also deserving a pat on the back is the director John Carpenter. His list of accomplishments includes many well-known horror movies, but *In the Mouth of Madness* is by far his finest work yet. His cinematography keeps the viewer confused, but interested. The music is subtle and effective, and is utilized as the setting moves from realm of reality to realm of fiction. This is done with greater frequency as the movie reaches its climax, until the two worlds are finally blended into one, full of psychotic killers.

In the Mouth of Madness plays off the fascination behind insanity, and even toys with the thought that we're all insane. It is a worthwhile movie which may very well never receive the recognition it deserves.

-Kip Britt

At first glance, it looks like just another silly romance flick, but take a closer look and it is obvious that Richard Linklater's *Before Sunrise* is a unique movie.

The main characters, Jesse (Ethan Hawke), and Celine (Julie Delpy), meet in a rather unconventional way—on a train. They talk a little, and then make their way to the dining car, and over a meal discuss everything from their backgrounds to the fear of dying. Their conversation makes

Before Sunrise a little more realistic and such a "teen-angst" movie. The characters are not afraid to discuss things that they are worried about, and

they do not only talk about superficial "date" topics.

Jesse then comes up with the crazy idea that Celine, who is headed for Paris, get off the train with him in Vienna for the night, to explore the city before he leaves on a plane for America at 9:30 the next morning. Surprisingly enough, Celine accepts the offer, and they go to explore Vienna.

Throughout the night, the couple real-

izes that they are falling in love with one another, but seem to avoid the subject rather well. They finally agree that long distance relationships don't usually work. I enjoyed this aspect of the movie because it makes their feelings seem so much more unsure, self-conscious and natural. The ending, which I will not give away, is one of the things that makes *Before Sunrise* so believable.

Another plus that the movie offers is how naturally everything fits together, and how easily Ethan Hawke and Julie Delpy slip into the roles of the somewhat self-conscious Jesse, and the beautiful Celine, who is rather afraid to venture out into life.

Before Sunrise is being dubbed by many as a "great date movie," and it really is. It's romantic, funny, captivating, and most of all, it is very real. Seeing this movie is not like watching two actors act out a script; it is more like watching a part of someone's life for a night, and experiencing the romance along with that someone. The soundtrack is great because it features a good mix between the 70's and 80's.

This is an excellent movie, and it is highly recommended for anyone who is sick of everyday, stupid romance flicks.

-Sarah Levin

Spring,
cool shows,
coming soon

What's?
Goin' On?

BY JONATHAN HARRIS
Co-Arts & Entertainment Editor

Spring is in the air, and grades are falling.

Who cares, though? There are too many good musical events going on in the next month or so to be worried about grades.

Unfortunately, some of these shows (Page & Plant, Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers, The Black Crowes) are sold out. However, there are many that are not, and here they are:

◆ Dignable Planets March 13, The Odeon. Tickets, \$16.50 in advance, \$18 day of show.

◆ Toad the Wet Sprocket/Hootie and the Blowfish April 3, Cleveland Music Hall.

◆ Spin Doctors/Rusted Root March 2, Student Center Ballroom, Kent State University.

◆ Dave Matthews Band/Big Head Todd and the Monsters March 4, Cleveland Music Hall.

◆ Jon Secada March 11, Palace Theatre.

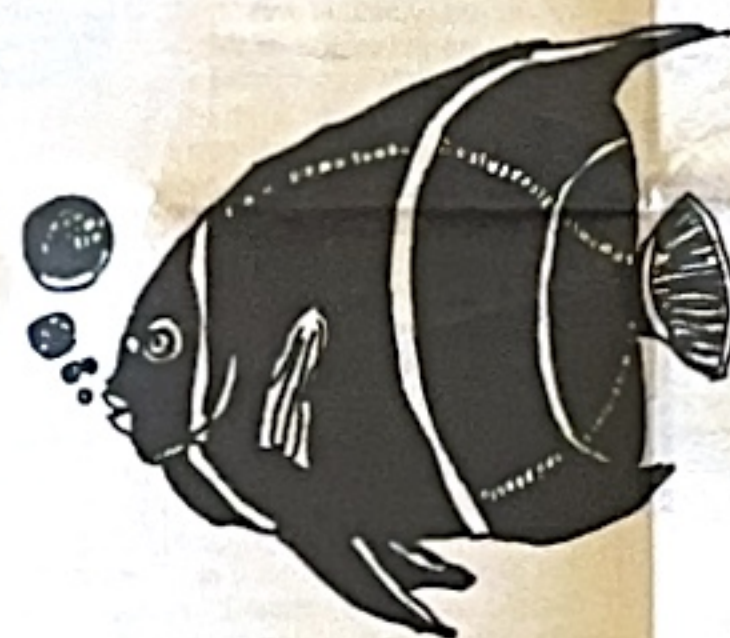
These tickets are available at the venue box office, TicketMaster, or by calling 241-5555.

Movie Reviews



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FUR, FINS and FEATHERS



Cat lovers
purrraise
felines, dog
lovers give
growl for
man's best
friend

BY RACHEL ZINN
Staff Reporter

Every day, many debates rage throughout the world. They involve such issues as health care, abortion and nuclear war. Some arguments flare right in the school's halls such as the timeless question "Which are better, cats or dogs?"

Students voiced decisively split but strong opinions for either cats or dogs. Freshman Siera Harrison proclaimed that she preferred cats.

"Cats are really quiet. They don't bother you if you don't feel like having pets around, but dogs come up and lick you and bother you all the time," Harrison said.

Sophomore Lindsey Mirmelstein disagreed.

"I hate cats. I hate them so much I could eat cat soup for dinner," Mirmelstein said.

Sophomore Amrita Ahuja supported Mirmelstein's opinion and told a story about the vicious nature of felines.

"My neighbors used to have cats, and they would go out and kill rabbits. Once, I went to their house and there were little rabbit skulls lying around their back yard. Cats are so cruel!" Ahuja said.

Despite the reported brutality of cats, Senior Julianne Kennerly said she feels that cats are more fun and easier to care for.

"You can cuddle with cats. They're easier to feed, less expensive and not as messy as dogs," Kennerly said.

Bob White, a Latin teacher, said that it is dogs, not cats, who are a menace to society.

"Cats never turn on you and rip your fingers off. Let's put it this way; it starts out with your saying 'Here Fluffy, nice dog,' and then the dog attacks you. The next day, all your friends start calling you Stumpy. But 'Beware of the rabid cat?' Nope, sorry, people just don't say that so much," White said.

Sophomore Yuri Gottesman noted good points of both cats and dogs.

"You can basically tell what a cat is thinking. Dogs are more primitive because they don't have as much emotion. They show it more—but it's not as varied as cats' feelings. Cats are just generally brighter," Gottesman said.

However according to a Shakerite survey, 58 percent of students prefer dogs to cats. Sharing the majority opinion, history teacher Susan MacDonald said dogs are easier to understand.

"I feel as if I can relate better to dogs.

They just seem more human to me," she said.

Sometimes when there is a pet in the house, there is a conflict about who should care for it. Kennerly frequently needs help in walking her 170-pound rottweiler.

"My dog is hard to walk because it's so strong, so sometimes one of my mom's friends will do it. Otherwise, I'll call one of my friends who is strong enough to walk it," Kennerly said.

Junior Taylor Hokanson said that only a special kind of person understands dogs.

"There is a definite bond between dog people. Lots of times, I can tell just by looking at someone whether they are a dog person. We've all got a kind of cosmic bond with each other," Hokanson said.

Dr. Franklin Coy, a local veterinarian, said that whether people prefer cats or dogs is really a matter of personal preference.

"Some people think cats are more self-sufficient, so they're easier to care for. However, this also makes them more aloof than dogs, and some people don't like that," Coy said.

So next time you look at your furry companion, remember that it is much more than just your pet. Your dog or cat is part of an international debate that will probably continue for many years to come.

Pets, they do the darndest things

BY MARIE FRISOF
Staff Reporter

Pets. Everybody has one, be it a cat or a younger sister, a fish or a boyfriend. Everybody has a pet.

Shaker High's most common pet, according to a Shakerite survey, is the dog. Gene Zajac, astronomy teacher, is the proud owner of a dachshund (wiener dog) commonly known as Oscar Meyer Zajac.

"When it's really cold out, I'll let him out back and he'll pick up one foot because it's too cold, and then he'll pick up the other. One time he picked up all his feet and just lay on his back with his feet in the air waiting for me to come out and get him," Zajac boasted.

Sophomore Wallace Wilkinson, fellow canine enthusiast, is the owner of the large and over-exuberant golden retriever, Woody. Over the years, Woody has developed a fetish for discount stores, Wilkinson said.

Woody got into a T.J. Maxx when he escaped from the driver's side window of a parked car Wilkinson explained.

"My mother was trying to tell the people on the inside of the store not to open the door, but they thought she was waving at them and opened it anyways," Wilkinson said. "Woody rushed in and knocked them over and then went through all the automatic doors. In the meantime, my father had left the car and was setting records for the 100 yard dash as he hustled to catch up with Woody."

"Once he got inside the store, he just followed the screams until he caught up. He scooped up this 80-pound dog and carried him, struggling, out the door."

"My mom never even got into the store," Wilkinson added.

Science teacher John Schutter cared for Chewy Chewbacca, an Irish setter who came wandering through the halls of Shaker 18 years ago. While the collective school community was waiting for the dog to be claimed, the secretaries took the dog under their care, and the principal even took it home for a week.

"We advertised and waited, and no one claimed the dog, so I got it. I got the Shaker dog," Schutter said.

Other proud pet owners shared their pets' habits. Junior James Boyd has two chihuahuas who rip up toilet paper and occasionally escape to the outside world when Boyd takes out the garbage.

Sophomore Ryan Swanson owns a shih tzu and a Pekinese, one of which attacks anyone attempting to enter the basement.

Star, a rottweiler, is the pet of freshman Tia Blackwell. Though still a puppy, Star is so intimidating that people cross to the other side of the street to avoid her.

The second most common pet among Shaker attendees is not nearly so intimidating as Blackwell's rottweiler; it is the common household cat.

Freshman April Headen owns two of the furry felines, Gravy and Shadow. Gravy is infamous for attacking the lid of the cage to Headen's pet turtle.

Senior Catherine Farmer also has two cats, Mittens and Ebony.

"I woke up one night to find Ebony sitting on top of me. I had been having this dream about something furry trying to smother me, and she was sitting on my neck with her paws on my face. I think I screamed," Farmer reminisced.

Freshman Danielle Loggins had a sim-

ilar hair-raising experience with her own cat, Dusty.

"The cat was lying in the clothes dryer asleep, and I didn't really know she was there when I closed the door," Loggins explained. "Then I pressed the button. First it wouldn't start, then it went slowly: blump-blump...blump-blump...blump-blump. I let her out after she made a lot of noise. She was screaming and real fluffy and warm."

Arnie, an ex-stray cat belonging to sophomore John Lund, enjoys playing with his ferret, Alice.

"Arnie and Alice are great friends and are always playing and rolling around. Once they were goofing off on a tall bed and Alice was bouncing around—have you ever seen a ferret get excited?—and she was bouncing all over the place and then she missed the bed on the way back down. Arnie didn't know where she was, and he jumped off and landed on top of her," Lund reported.

There are more unusual pets than dogs and cats that grace the homes of Shaker students. Lund is privileged to be the owner of Ed the iguana, whose home in the basement closet is constantly under attack by Lund's three chihuahuas.

His ferret is known for her propensity towards blackberries and a fondness for bagels.

Sophomore Mineh Ishida joins the ranks of unusual-pet owners with Midnight, a black rabbit with a scar running down its shoulder.

"We had two rabbits when they were little. Then the little one beat up the big one, and the big one had diarrhea for a week," Ishida said. "Anyways, now it's afraid of people and when you throw it at people it scratches them."

Sophomore Jeff Matthias feeds Nine Lives cat food to his ferret, Sif (pronounced Seef).

"When I'm not paying attention and she's running around on the ground she'll crawl up my pants leg," Matthias laughed. "It tickles."

Yet another category of pets was mentioned by an anonymous staff member who readily listed his wife, four kids and mother-in-law as part of the zoo.

A mish-mosh on the famous and the furry

Odd-ball animals such as zebras, coyotes, badgers hyenas and lizards have resided in the White House

During Richard Nixon's term as president, The People's Republic of China gave him a gift of two giant pandas for his home in the White House which he donated to the city zoo. He gave China two musk oxen in return.

President John Quincy Adams raised silk-worms and Andrew Johnson bred white mice. Theodore Roosevelt even housed a young lion and several bear cubs during his term.

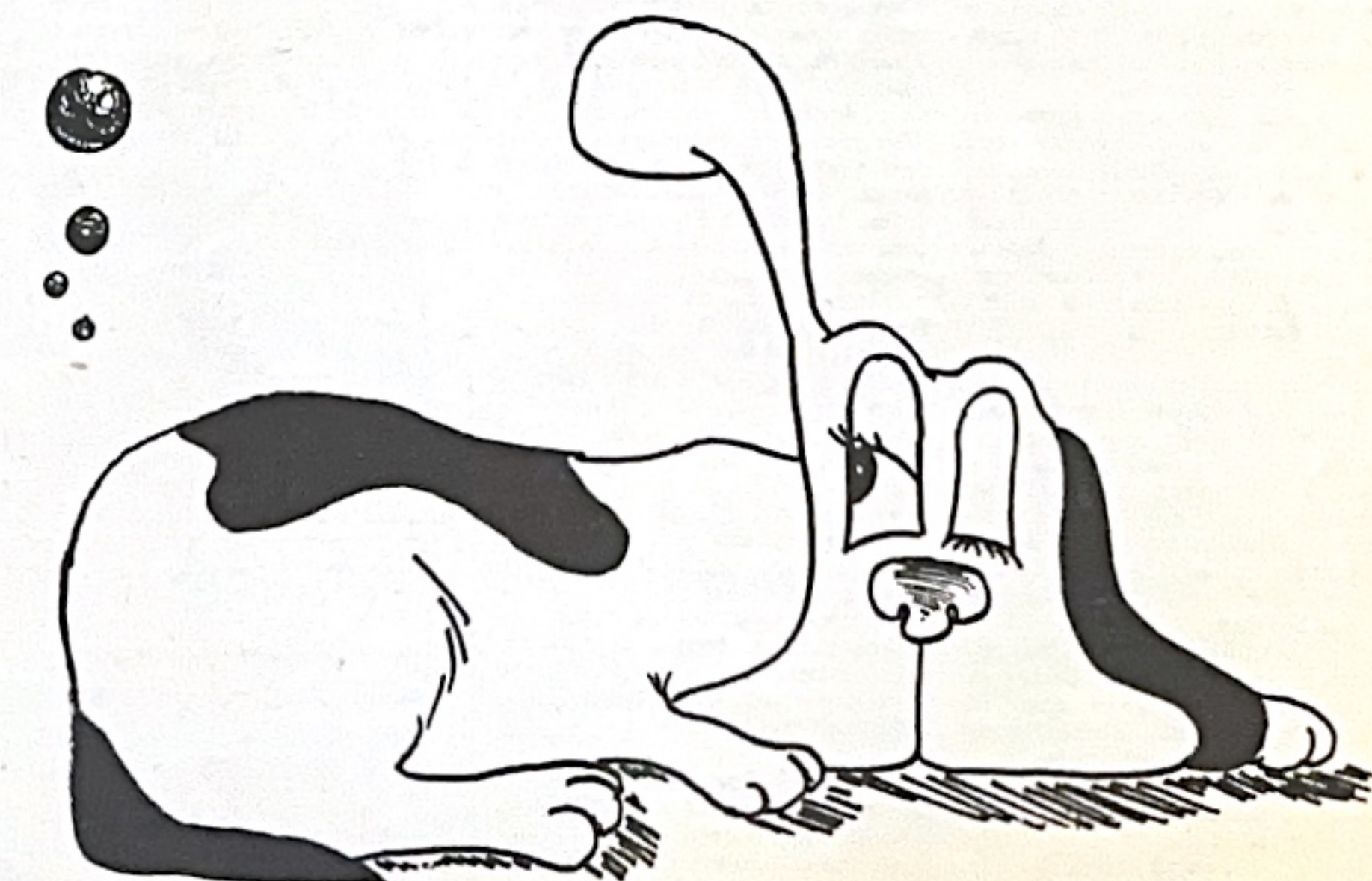
Lyndon B. Johnson's two beagles were named Him and Her.

Some medical facilities have found that patients respond well to the presence of pets. Volunteers at Rainbow Baby's and Children's Hospital bring a few good dogs to visit with the patients. Some psychologists even keep dogs in their offices to soothe clients.

79% of students own a pet. The most common reason for not owning a pet is that parents won't allow it.

Winners of the creative pet name search include Mr. Spock, Oberon and Titania, Einstein, and Fred the turtle.

Shakerite survey of 150 students
Shakerite facts compiled by Lauren Gentile and Alexia Hadji



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Bands walk Shaker halls, waiting to be discovered

BY MILES BERGER
Staff Reporter

Think about some of the greatest musicians.

Eric Clapton: went to high school.

Frank Sinatra: went to high school.

Boy George: went to high school.

Walking the halls of our high school are musicians that may or may not be on the verge of something big. Here are a few:

The Naked

The Naked started out two years ago when seniors Elad Kaufman and Ben Fogarty wrote a few songs for senior Margaret Sawyer's birthday. Their early work consisted of Fogarty playing guitar, Kaufman singing and an electronic drum machine. They became a performing entity last December when they took on eighth-grade bassist Isaac Kirtland and drummer Ron Green, a former Shaker student.

"We play just for fun, to entertain people," Kaufman said. "It's just simple music, catchy shit."

The band considers their main influences Hazel and NOFX, two California punk-rock bands, although Fogarty admits he does draw inspiration from Gloria Estefan. They classify themselves as Disco-Thrash, which means straight ahead rock'n'roll, according to Fogarty.

Although they have only played one concert so far, The Naked have high hopes for the future. Their debut album, Harvey, will be coming out on sophomore Mark Baranauskas' Funk-A-Lot produc-

tions and will be available at the Record Exchange, Record Revolution, Wax Stacks and Chris' Warped Records.

The Naked are well known in Shaker because of their promotional antics. Before their last concert, the band printed up hundreds of "I love the Naked" stickers and passed them out in school.

The Naked are currently being considered as an opening act for The Offspring, The Mighty Mighty Bosstones and Babes In Toyland.

"If it happens (getting an opening gig), we would be really happy," Fogarty said. "I would like to see us play once per week, and if anything remotely (important) happens we will stay here and take a year off before college."

Sleep in Safety

Sleep in Safety are in the process of signing a record contract with Nothing Records, which is owned by Trent Reznor of Nine Inch Nails. They got another boost recently when their new CD, "Madness of Crowds," was played at the Trilogy Nightclub in the Flats.

Sleep in Safety was originally recording their album in Closer Look studios, which is owned and operated by Baranauskas' stepfather. Their keyboardist, Matt Gross, a graduate of Solon High School, mentioned that they were looking for a guitar player, and Baranauskas got the job.

Baranauskas describes their music as a cross between industrial, heavy metal and dance.

"Our music is kind of out there," Baranauskas said. "It is like a mixture of Nine Inch Nails and Pink Floyd."



GET NAKED. The Naked, from left, are bassist Isaac Kirtland, drummer Ron Green, vocalist Elad Kaufman, and guitarist Ben Fogarty. The band is one of many that are comprised of Shaker students.

Shakerite photo by Laura Kushnick

Next Exit

Next Exit is a jazz band that features the same members as the high school jazz combo: seniors Andy Kopf, Mara Levi and Bill Kuendig and juniors Ethan Rider and Eric Stout. They started playing under the name Next Exit when someone asked them to perform at a dinner party after seeing them play at a Boulevard School art fair.

Next Exit plays old jazz from classic composers and no originals, said Stout. They first played together because all of

them are planning to major in music in college.

Since their first dinner party, Next Exit has played at numerous dinner dances, bar and bat mitzvahs and fund raisers. Although they do not release albums, they do make live tapes for their friends. Stout considers the support they receive from Shaker students as being crucial to their success.

"We have done class reports on jazz, and everyone loved it," he said. "Most of our friends like it and (they've given us) a lot of support."

Explosion in ticket prices unfair to loyal fans

COMMENTARY

BY NED SACKMAN
Staff Reporter

John No-Doe heard on the radio that his favorite band was coming to town. He had to go to the show; all he needed to do was buy the tickets. To his despair, the band was charging over \$50 for tickets. John doesn't have that kind of money on a high school student's budget.

The money that today's performers demand for their shows is getting out of hand. It is rare that good tickets are under \$25 and some big name acts like the Eagles charge up to \$87 for tickets. Bands should stop being so selfish in charging such high prices and be more considerate of the people who got them to where they are in the first place, the fans.

One reason that ticket prices are going up for all concerts is that the ticket companies are raising their surcharges. A surcharge is a fee that the ticket company adds to the base ticket price to pay for the distribution of the tickets. A logical solution to this problem is to go to the cheapest ticket distributor, but Ticketmaster holds a monopoly on the market and can charge as much as they want.

The Seattle-based rock band Pearl Jam is suing Ticketmaster claiming that they are being taken advantage of because of Ticketmaster's monopoly. The case is currently in Congress and a decision has yet to be reached. Because of the legal battle Pearl Jam is planning a tour in Asia where they will be able to keep prices at a reasonable level. They also held a show in Washington D.C. where they distributed

tickets by lottery, through the mail.

The most common excuse is that bands charge high prices because they need the money to pay for the tour. However, bands like the Offspring and Live have been able to launch major tours while keeping their ticket prices under \$15. Green Day played concert at Blossom this fall that was only \$5 admission. Bands like R.E.M. and the Eagles whose tickets cost over \$50 should play in smaller venues to keep the rent cost down. Also, if they did not bring along as much equipment or have such elaborate stages, the production cost would not be as high. When it comes down to it people want to see the bands play more than they want to see any special effects or fabulous costumes. The problem is that now these concerts are called shows and not performances.

Another excuse for the high prices is that the bands need the money to pay for the recording of their next album. Again, if the aforementioned Offspring, Live, and Green Day can make records charging reasonable admission, then the Eagles should be able to as well. In the end the real issue is money, and the bands who are more interested in paying for their new house in the Florida Keys than in putting on a good show at a reasonable price charge the higher prices. R.E.M. has not been on tour in six years and now that they are finally performing they are charging over \$50 for tickets. Incidentally, Offspring, Live, and Green Day were all higher than the Eagles in the latest record sales chart.

John No-Doe finally solved his problem by finding a new favorite band. With the money he saved on tickets he had plenty left over to buy the band's latest CD.

Jammin' '92 dance slated for March

BY JESSICA WEEKS
Staff Reporter

The Shaker community recently showed that it CAN be done by donating almost 8000 cans of food in the annual Jammin' '92 food drive, topping last year's total of 6500.

In addition to winning a dance sponsored by WJMO 92.3 FM for the second year in a row, residents helped feed dozens of needy families across Cleveland.

According to Spanish teacher Kimberly Ponce de Leon, adviser to Youth Ending Hunger, and the chief organizer of the food drive, Shaker "wiped out the competition" by contributing far more cans than any participating area schools.

The dance is scheduled for Saturday, March 25 in the North (girls') Gym. Five hundred free tickets will be given out to students on a first come, first serve basis. A total of 15 popular CDs will also be raffled off at the dance by the Jammin' 92 DJs. Ponce de Leon said that she is uncertain whether a DJ or a guest artist will represent the station at the dance.

There was some confusion last year concerning the appearance of a "guest

star." Students said that they heard on the radio and the student P.A. announcements that a guest star would attend the dance, but Jammin' '92 DJ LeeAnne Summers said that no such claims had been made by the station.

Despite the complaints concerning last year's dance, students still seemed optimistic about this year's bash.

"I'm looking forward to the dance," sophomore Lyndsay Karfeld said. "It was really fun last year."

Decorations and free refreshments will be provided by Y.E.H using money from fund raisers like spaghetti dinners and spirit banners, according to Ponce de Leon. She said that Y.E.H was planning to require students to bring four cans of food to the dance in order to enter.

"It will help us get a head start on next year's food drive," Ponce de Leon said.

Ponce de Leon attributes the success of the food drive to the many groups and individuals who helped out. She said that in addition to Y.E.H, who organized most of the can collection, clubs like Interact and the Gristmill also had a big hand in it.

"The [Y.E.H] students are all really excited that we won," Ponce de Leon said. "But without the help of all of the students and teachers, we never would have been able to do it!"

The rise in ticket prices

To the dismay of concert-goers everywhere, ticket prices have gone out of control. Here are some examples of this inflation:

\$ The Eagles tickets are starting at \$52. Gold Circle seats cost \$87.

\$ R.E.M., who have not toured in five years, are charging \$44.

\$ Jimmy Page and Robert Plant sold Gold Circle seats for \$47.50.

However....

Green Day charged \$5 for their show at Blossom this fall.

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GUMPisms...

"Don't own nothin' if you can't help it. If you can, even rent your shoes."
"Always save enough money for one phonecall and one use of a pay toilet."
"Don't try to outrun nobody if you're wearin' sandals."
"Try not to forget your telephone number."
"If you put your money where your mouth is, you will look very strange to other people."

Shakerite source:
GUMPisms

Why he does it:

"I hate to shave, and I can sleep in an extra 10 minutes every day. That's 50 extra minutes a week, and I'm 114 years old, so it will help me live longer. That's pretty cool," reading specialist Michael Nash said.

"I can sleep five minutes more in the morning, and it keeps me warm all winter. When it gets warm, I trim it down. There's function behind it," science teacher Ken Culek said.

"[The beard] is kind of like the mountain because it was there. I started growing it when I was 20. As soon as it grew in, I said, 'I like that,' and I just never took it off," science teacher Robert Sylak said.

"I was in college in the sixties. It was 1967, and as a freshman it was my identity. My mom still says, 'I remember when you were clean shaven. You looked so nice then,'" planetarium director Gene Zajac said.

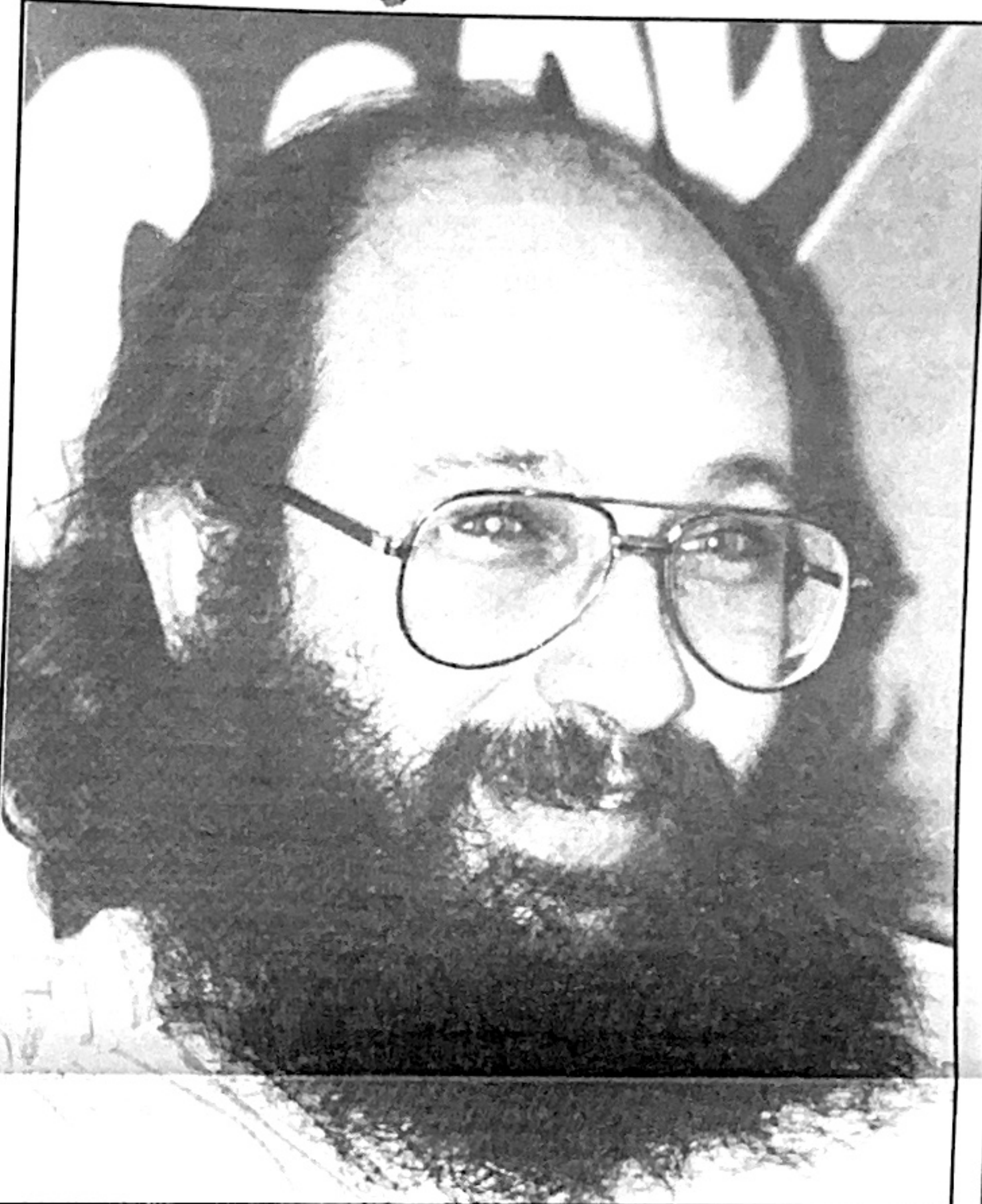
"It was simply a chance to give me a new look. I wanted to bring out the features a little bit more," English teacher George Harley said.

"I wanted one when I wanted one, and I decided I liked it," English department head Jon Bender said.

"I'm a man,
And yes I can
Grow some hair
Without a care," senior Elad Kaufman said.

Quotes compiled by Debbie Libman and Seema Shah

A hairy situation



Ken Culek

Shakerite photo by Larry Latson

What she thinks:

"Goatees are nice, but the peach fuzz has got to go," junior Jessica Zagier said.

"I was always partial to men with mustaches," math teacher Margaret Boles said.

"I always liked the Seven Dwarfs look," juniors Elizabeth Lim and Anne Lynch said.

"When you kiss a guy with a beard, your face gets all red and starts to peel. I think it's unpleasant," senior Mandy Block said.

"It itches too much when you kiss. A thin little mustache is good," junior Charisse Myers said.

"I think [facial hair] makes them look raggedy sometimes," freshman Jessica Chevallier said.

"I don't like beards, but Mr. Marhefka's goatee is becoming," senior Dionne Sellers and juniors Jevette Collier and Kiesha Lloyd said.

"[Facial hair] makes them look more appealing. It also makes them look older," senior Krysten Dean said.

"If [the hair] is nice and trimmed, it's okay. If it's raggedy and everything then [I don't like it]," sophomore Dawn Davis said.

"It doesn't make any difference," sophomore Stephanie Crowell said.

Quotes compiled by Debbie Libman and Seema Shah



Craig Maxwell

Shakerite photo by Larry Latson



Tyson Wright-Bey

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Robert Sylak

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Randall Yates

Shakerite photo by Laura Kushnick



James Wilson

Shakerite photo by Larry Latson



Darnon Wanlock

Shakerite photo by Laura Kushnick

E-mail proves faster, cheaper than "snail mail"

BY KATIE EDELSTEIN
Staff Reporter

Today people smile with delight as they open their monthly phone bill, which is drastically lower than they ever imagined. Ten years ago, who would have thought that someday telephone numbers would be replaced by a code that, when punched into a computer, could connect any two parties instantaneously and at minimal charge? E-mail, what was once a dream, has become a reality and a way of life for some people.

Electronic mail (or "E-mail") is a form of communication, from computer to computer, that runs over the phone lines. As opposed to "snail mail" (the U.S. Postal Service), which normally takes two to three days, E-mail messages are received almost instantaneously.

"Access to E-mail can be obtained by subscribing to a commercial service, such as Prodigy or America Online, who charge fees by the hour. These services are expensive because they contain other things besides E-mail, such as a built in encyclopedia and current news as it happens. They are also very easy to log into," according to Phil Stark at Comp USA.

Another option is Freenet, which is absolutely free of charge and contains various components such as IRC (Internet relay chat), a chat center where you can "talk" to

people from all over the world, E-Mail, SIGs (special interest groups), bulletin boards for posting messages, and Usenet, a forum to post letters under general topics.

"Freenet is a local network [the Cleveland Freenet was the first and is one of the best freenets]. Internet is the 'big picture', made up of connected local networks," librarian Kelly Jons said.

Almost any university has an account on the Internet, which their students can take advantage of, according to Stock.

"Many business offices and organizations are affiliated as well. This access gives an opportunity for more people to get involved with E-mail," Stark said.

In order to subscribe to a service or log into Freenet, a computer is necessary, as well as a modem.

"The price of a modem depends on the speed and company that makes it. A 14,400 baud [indicates speed] modem, which is the most common, sells for about \$100," senior Jesse Klein said.

There must be a specific person you 'link up' to in order to get into the Internet (if you have Freenet, rather than a commercial service), according to Jons.

"Many have accounts with local colleges. Shaker has an account with Learning Link, which is paid for by the school district and is affiliated with WVIZ [channel 25]," said Jons.

After subscription to a commercial service or getting an account somewhere, an account number is given, a code which is a person's identity on the Internet. Once a person has a code, he is all set to begin "talking" between computers, exploring, meeting new people, and learning, according to Jons.

Seeking information about Phish and the Grateful Dead, sophomore Steve Deoreo began using his dad's Freenet

account six months ago and now checks his mail every day.

"I have some friends [from out of town]. We wrote before, but then we discovered E-mail was much easier. I also think it's useful— it's as quick as a phonecall, but not as expensive," Deoreo said.

For sophomore Lynn Hickman, who has an account on Freenet, E-mail is a place to explore. She also has an account on the Denver Freenet and has chatted with people from London, Canada, England, Australia, France and Switzerland.

"I've never even met these people, yet I know their ways from chatting with them through E-mail," Hickman said.

The fact that most universities have accounts on Freenet is a big advantage for senior Jonathan Makela, who has been communicating through America Online for two years. He corresponds with his brother at the University of Michigan and other universities in the country.

"Now with postage going up, E-mail is convenient. You're not spending money, not obligated to write back, and you can just give short messages like 'Hey, what's up?'. You also don't have to bother with paper and an envelope and the message gets there a lot faster," Makela said.

E-mail can also have a great impact on your life. This was the case for junior Alex Hamilton, who met his girlfriend through E-mail.

"I was on the chat center, around finals last year, and there was this person who said she had seen my picture in her yearbook. She knew who I was, but I had no idea who she was. It interested me. We started [E-mailing each other], and eventually we talked every day. One day she told me to come find her at her locker, and then we started talking on the phone and becoming friends. Chatting over the computer is a lot easier than making a phone call because there are no long, drawn-out

silences," Hamilton said.

E-mail also comes in handy for school related projects. Science teacher Rod MacLeod responded to a very interesting ad he saw on Internet and was able to get an approval for Shaker's participation. Two skiers, one Russian and one Canadian, will be skiing from the Northern-most land point in Canada to the North Pole and back, reenacting a trip already taken, called the Malakov Expedition.

"The skiers will be carrying hand-held devices so they can get messages from us and 299 other schools worldwide. Our messages will travel through the Internet up to a satellite and back down to them. They can also send messages back to us. My Oceanography classes will be asking them questions to figure out the correlation between wind, water currents, and the drift of ice. French classes will be translating their messages into French," MacLeod said.

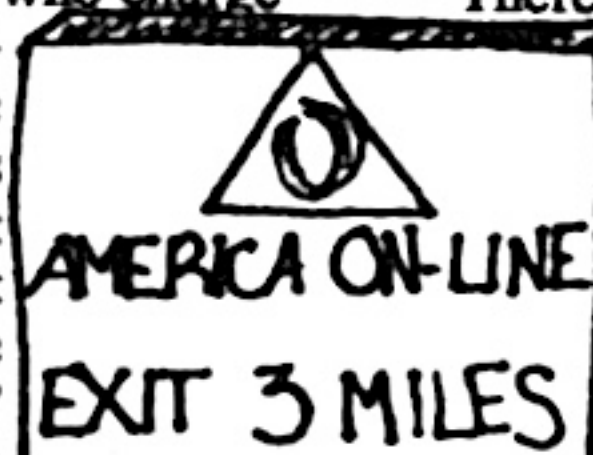
There's no doubt about it. E-mail is traveling swiftly towards the future. As technology increases, so does the interest of many people around the world to communicate through computers.

"E-mailing is definitely where the future's going; it's so much at the tip of your fingers. You see commercials on TV, such as the little girl 'talking' to the boy in Japan. Eventually everyone's going to have to use it," Hickman said.

Makela agrees that the demand for E-mail will increase as years go by.

"It's the way of the future; already you can send pictures through it. The only thing you can't send through E-mail is a package or a fruitcake," Makela said.

As we move toward the future, Jons also believes E-mail will continue to grow. "It's going to become bigger and bigger. Everyone has a phone now— someday everyone will have an E-mail address and will be communicating all over the world," Jons said.



Take a ride on the information superhighway

BY LINDSAY CAMPBELL, EMILY HOFFMAN AND CAITLIN MASINI
Staff Reporters

Get information, find the news, go shopping and talk to people all from the comforts of your own home.

This luxury is made possible through the use of an online service. With the use of a modem, online services can hook you up to other computers on that system. Programs such as Prodigy, CompuServe and America Online offer nationwide services. Freenet offers local service, as do privately owned BBSs (Bulletin Board Services). Learning Link is run by WVIZ TV for educational purposes.

PC Computing magazine came to the conclusion that America Online is the best online service, followed by CompuServe and Prodigy. America Online was the fastest and easiest to get on and Prodigy was good for getting information.

Prodigy, the most widely used national service, has over two million members. It has 825 features, which are placed in the categories of home/family/kids, travel, communications, school, sports, business

and finance, and news/weather, according to a pamphlet released by Prodigy.

"The encyclopedias are very helpful and up-to-date," freshman Prodigy user Stephanie Baringer said.

Joining Prodigy takes a phone call which provides the new user with 10 free introductory hours to be used within the first 30 days. After the introductory hours are used, the subscriber is billed a monthly fee. For this fee, the subscriber gets five hours of usage.

"I like it because my friends from out of town are on it and I can talk to them without making a long distance phone call," freshman Prodigy user Margot Petter said.

CompuServe has the lowest monthly fee of the three major services, and for that fee the user gets unlimited hours of service with no extra charges. This service offers the same basic features as Prodigy and America Online and some students said they use it mainly to find information.

"[CompuServe] is good for people looking for data...[however] it is hard to get to," freshman Jeff Mann said.

America Online is one of the most widely used online services by students at our school. The main features of the pro-

gram include Internet, news, weather, sports, education, travel, finance, chat and games.

The process of joining America Online is similar to that of Prodigy. It is compatible with Windows, Disk Operating Service (DOS) and Macintosh computers. America Online also comes with some computers.

"I just like to wander around on [America Online] and meet people," freshman Steve O'Neal said.

Cleveland Freenet is a public access online service available at no cost through Case Western Reserve University with the same basic features as other services. The negative side to it being free is that it can take a long time to get on, and can take several tries. It also disconnect users after one hour.

"Freenet is sort of bad: it kicks you off. But, it's all you can do without paying \$40 a month," sophomore Bruce Wilson said.

Another item to be taken into consideration when joining an online service is the type of people you can meet. Prodigy requires parental permission to use the chat lines and Freenet has no boundaries or requirements.

"[Freenet] users range from computer nerds to sex maniacs," freshman Carrie Lewine said.

Locally run BBSs are normally operated by high school or college students. They focus on chatting, E-mail, and games. Some have Internet access, and the prices vary.

The school system subscribes to Learning Link. The service can be used in the classroom or individually by teachers. Right now, students are not allowed to have individual accounts. It allows easy access to Internet and gives teachers unlimited use each day.

PRICES

America Online: \$9.95/month for five hours \$2.95 each additional hour
Prodigy: \$9.95/month for five hours \$2.95 each additional hour
CompuServe: \$8.95/month unlimited usage
Freenet: free
Bulletin Board Services: \$0 to a few dollars based on the maker's decision
Learning Link: \$985/school year (based on enrollment)

Protect yourself: Be safe with self defense



Speaking on behalf of all "vertically-challenged" students, getting pushed around at school or on the streets is scary. Learning self defense is the only prevention for run-ins with danger.

"The first step in self defense is avoidance," Hubert McIntyre, Health teacher and black belt in Tae Kwon Do, said.

Self defense is promoted in the school's curriculum. Judo is offered in gym for upperclassmen. Health teachers McIntyre and Christine Matta focus on self defense to help prevent rape and assault.

Many students participate in self defense courses such as Tae Kwon Do and "Street Defense." The reasons for taking the classes are numerous.

"Martial arts help me focus my life a little better," senior Mike Town said.

"Me and my orange belt can do anything... Now I just take [Tae Kwon Do] for a stress reliever," sophomore Jane Cameron said.

"Emotionally and mentally you need Tae Kwon Do," senior Chris Lund said.

"Knowing how to protect myself has given me overall confidence," freshman Leah Bauer said.

"I feel just more comfortable as a bystander in a fight at school," freshman Brian Wujek said.

"I'm not always looking behind me now after taking [a street defense course]," sophomore Jenny Mulligan said.

"[Tae Kwon Do] improved my confidence, concentration, and overall physical capabilities," freshman Carrie Lewine said.

All of these Tae Kwon Do students participate in Shaker Recreation's programs.

Tae Kwon Do translates to "the art of kicking and punching." It is a martial art developed to enable the individual pursuit of physical and mental potential. Participants build self-confidence and concentration through the discipline of training, increased strength, level of physical fitness, and knowledge of self-defense skills.

The course descriptions listed are all run through Shaker Recreation.

Self defense facts compiled by Toby Bulloff

✓ TAE KWON DO

Who: Master James Cahn
When: Mon/Weds 6:45-8 p.m. Sat 11-12:15 p.m.
Where: middle school gyms
What: 13 week sessions; 3 classes/wk., start anytime
Cost: \$130

✓ HAPKIDO

Who: Master Buddy Cahn
When: Thursdays 7:30-9 p.m.
Where: middle school E. gym
What: 8 weeks starting March 30
Cost: \$50

✓ JUJITSU/KARATE

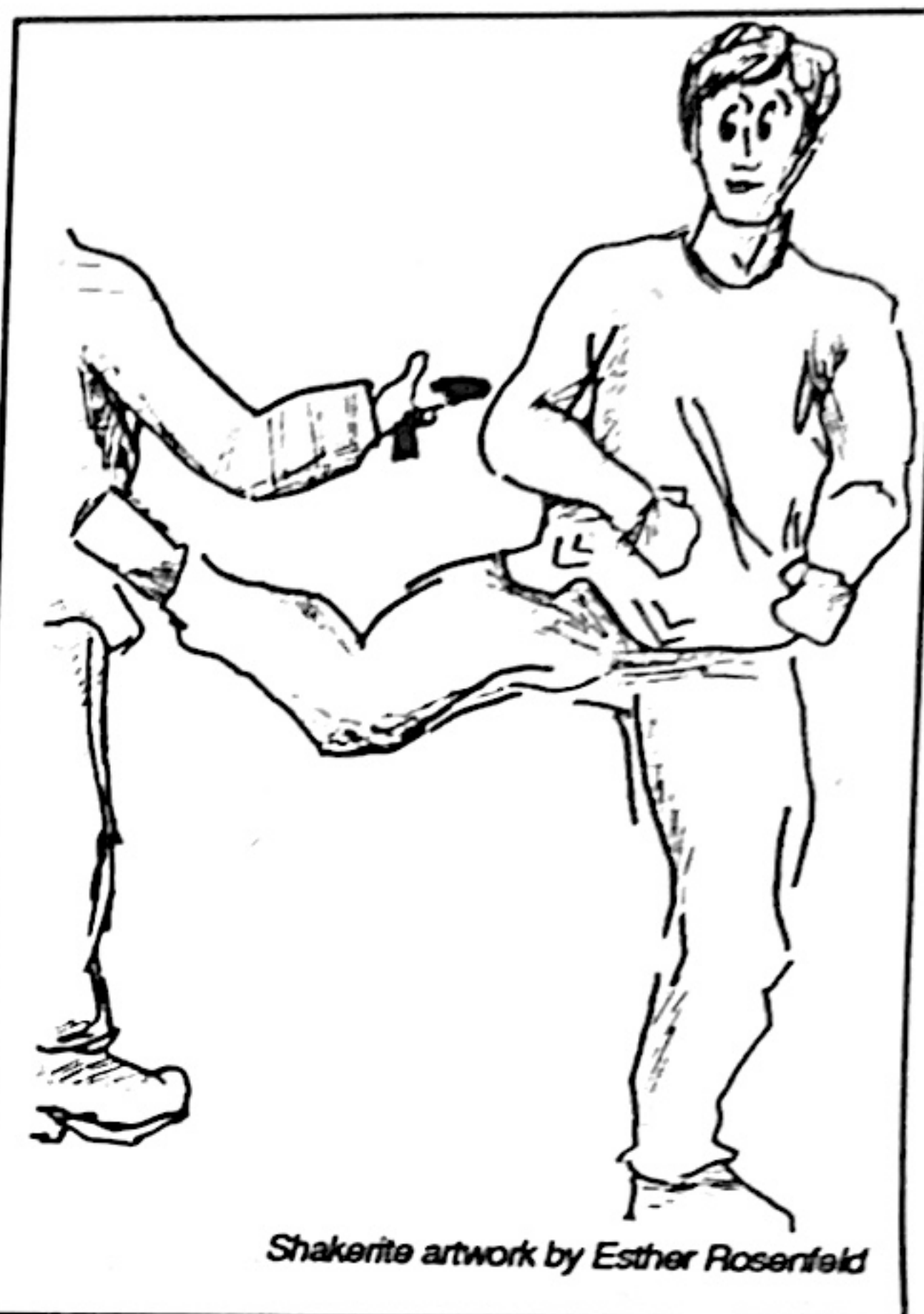
Who: Master Buddy Cahn
When: Sat 11:30-1 p.m.
Where: middle school W. gym
What: 8 weeks starting April 1—females only
Cost: \$42

✓ AIKIDO

Who: staff of Cleveland Aikikai
*involves no punching/kicking
When: Mon/Weds 6-6:45 p.m. Sat 11:45-12:30 p.m.
Where: 3965 Mayfield Rd. Cleve. Hts.
What: 10 week sessions; 3 classes/wk., start anytime

✓ PUSH HANDS: TAE CHI

Who: Michael Frost
When: Sat 11:30-12:30 p.m.
Where: Woodbury Cafeteria
What: 12 weeks starting April 1



Shakerite artwork by Esther Rosenfeld

Sims shoots for the sky

BY AMY JOHNSON

Staff Reporter

do it well.... it's something that I want to do later in life," Sims said.

Sims, like some other athletes, dreams of playing professionally one day.

"It's my dream to be a professional... to play in the NBA... but I want to go to college and have a successful career in whatever I do," Sims said.

Team effort along with individual prowess for the game is what Sims feels contributed the most to Shaker's great season thus far.

"We've done well this year as a team. Dejuan Goodwin, Jermaine Kimbrough and Sean Malone have done well too; I'm happy with their performance," Sims said.

Sims's attitude toward achieving goals, whether it's on or off the court, was highly influenced by his uncle. He said that his uncle taught him that if he ever wanted to excel at something, it would take hard work.

Although Sims loves the sport of basketball itself, he enjoys playing for Shaker's team.

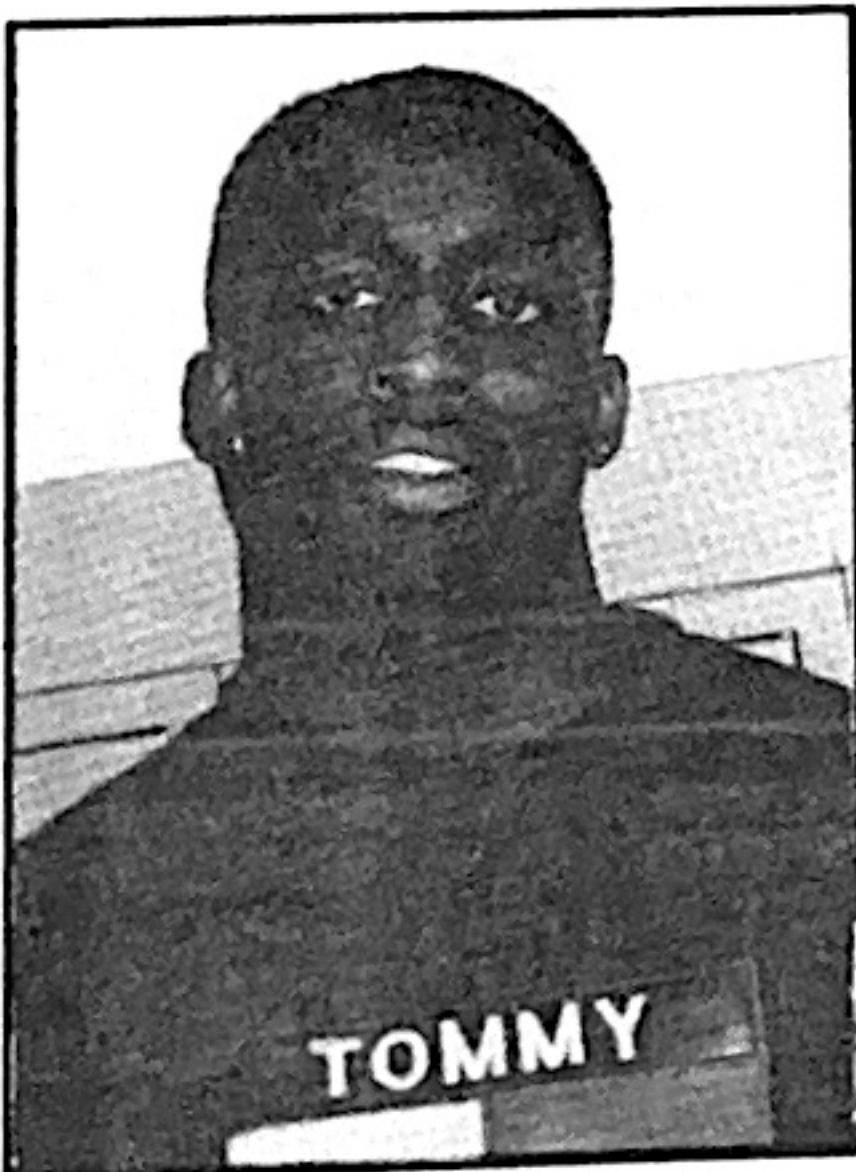
"I enjoy [playing for Shaker], not just because we win, but because I feel we can go very far because we have a good team," Sims said.

"My hope for the team in the future is to go to Columbus and win states."

The game is over, and once again, Shaker is the victor. The team congratulates each other for a job well done and moves off the court.

Michael Sims saunters off to the locker room with a victorious smile on his face, knowing that he and his teammates have done the best that they can do, and happy because he has just spent the evening doing what he loves most—playing basketball.

Shakerite photo by Laura Kushnick



TOMMY

There are four seconds left on the clock. Shaker's down by one. Shaker has the ball. The shot is up.... SCORE!

The buzzer sounds and the team celebrates in a group huddle. Although this may seem like a corny episode of "The Brady Bunch," this is just another day for junior basketball player, Michael Sims.

Sims plays forward, and his 21.7 points per game average has helped lead the school to its 12-1 record so far.

"I'm very proud [of Shaker's performance] because we're all playing well. I feel we can go far because we have a good team," Sims said.

Sims said that although playing basketball is his favorite thing to do, when he has free time, he enjoys playing video games, being with his friends, and of course playing more basketball.

"I love to play basketball, but basically I like to have fun!" Sims said.

Sims wasn't always a basketball fanatic. In fact, he didn't become interested in the game until seventh grade when a friend of his introduced him to it. Once he started playing, however, it became a major part of his life.

"I love playing basketball... I think I

Pooling their resources: Ozolina and Polkane suit up

BY LINDSEY WIGGINS

Staff Reporter

Leaving home, family and friends behind is hard to do, especially when it means coming to a different country and learning a new language. This situation is familiar to Agnese Ozolina and Aija Polkane.

Both are exchange students from Jelgava, Latvia and are members of the district champion girls swim team.

Their talent is recognized by coaches and teammates.

All talent aside, both say the intensity level of swimming here is greater than back home, especially because they have meets so frequently.

"It's a lot harder than at home, but I think I am a little stronger," Ozolina said.

In Latvia, their team does not compete against other schools but rather against other cities and countries. They have meets only a few times a month. According to the girls, their team has only a few swimmers around their ages and also some younger swimmers.

Although they had to make many adjustments in and out of the water, Coach Rob Fellingner feels they have come a long way since their arrival.

"It took a while for them to get adjusted to the workouts, and the swim-

ming and schoolwork wasn't what they were used to. Now they are both mentally tougher," Fellingner said.

Sally Halbin, who is hosting the girls, also sees the progress both girls have made since their arrivals.

"Their adjustment here has been phenomenal," Halbin said.

Not only did Ozolina and Polkane have to adjust to harder workouts and more schoolwork but also to the fact that they are away from family and friends. They write letters often and call home only about every two weeks.

Ozolina, a freshman, has an impressive list of swimming accomplishments. She was the "Plain Dealer Player of the Week," has the area's second fastest time in the 200 freestyle and 100 breaststroke, and the third fastest time for the 100 free.

Polkane, a junior, swims the 100 back and 100 fly.

Along with the many hours the girls dedicate to swimming, they also put a lot of time into their schoolwork.

With the help of Halbin, both girls got all A's and a few B's on their report cards.

"I help them with their homework," Halbin said. "They're students first and swimmers second."

All good things must come to an end, so the girls will return home shortly. Polkane plans to return to Latvia in March, while Ozolina will return in April after competing at Junior Nationals in Buffalo.

"They have been great additions to the team both in and out of the water," junior Kelly Scott said.

Halbin agreed.

"I'm really going to miss them when they go home," Halbin said.

They will be missed, but definitely not forgotten.

Shakerite photo by Laura Kushnick



Football players sign Division I-A scholarships

Three members of this year's 10-0 football team have signed scholarships with Division I-A schools. Defensive tackle Mike Gantous has signed with the University of Louisville, offensive tackle Chris Kalafatis has signed with Miami University of Ohio and defensive end Courtney Ledyard has signed with Michigan State University.

Hockey team wins games and support

BY LEIGH STEVENS
Staff Reporter

The Shaker hockey team has skated to another fine season, with a 10-3-1 record in the Greater Cleveland Hockey League.

During the Baron Cup, which followed the regular season, the team lost in their second game to St. Ignatius. The state sectionals began on Saturday.

The players are happy about the way they performed during the season.

"It's been a good season so far, but it is not over yet. The second half is still to come," sophomore Mike Mears said.

Junior David Forker agreed.

"The season started off on a high note, but we ended the season with a loss. Now we are looking forward to sweeping post season play and winning states," Forker said.

There have been faithful fans throughout the season that have come to every game. When at home they turn Thornton Park into a teenage hangout.

"I have gone to every game," senior Julia Rossi, one of Shaker's biggest fans said, "including the one in Lakewood where [junior] Bill Fallon and I drove through 12 inches of snow. I guess we are all-purpose fans."

Fans get as excited to see their friends skating on the ice, as the players do to skate a good game.

"I like to come to hockey games because I like hockey, and it is sweet to see my boys out there winning," senior Tom Taylor said.

Fallon, one of Shakers biggest fans, agreed with Taylor.

"Hockey is my favorite sport to watch.



SLAP SHOT! Junior Nick Agopian fires a shot during a recent practice. After losing in the Baron Cup, the team is trying to advance past districts.

Shakerite photo by Larry Latson

I like all of the action. I can really get into the games. The games are hype," Fallon said.

Some people take pride in the fact that they attend every Shaker hockey game, home and away.

"I have come to every game. I consider myself a true Shaker fan. I like to see [junior Ben] Simon [skate around people], [junior Mike] O'Loughlin kill people, and [senior Cullin] O'Brien's slapper. Shaker is number one!" freshman Scott Ladue said.

The fans have respect for the hockey players because they realize how

hard it is to play.

"I think hockey players are the best athletes because it must be really hard to play on that frozen court," freshman Adam Cole-Kelly said.

Fans are always trying to show their support for Shaker and aggravate the opposing team.

"The team needs our support. I know that the parents are there, but it must help to look to the stands and see the screaming crazy maniac freak show occur. There are no fans in the league that harass the goalies like we do," Rossi said.

Others come to watch their

boyfriends play.

"Matt Danish is quite an asset to the team. Yeah Big Baby!" senior Jimeka Holloway, Danish's girlfriend, said.

Although many people come to watch the game, others come to socialize.

"I come to the games because they are exciting, and the guys are hot," junior Liz Lim said.

Juniors Brian Snyder and Erin McCourt also consider the hockey games an important social scene.

"We go to the games because they are an exciting social event and are fun to watch," McCourt said.

Others come to the games to see specific spectators that they know will be at the game.

"I like watching Billy, the number one fan, and his girlfriend," sophomore Emily Kinkopf said.

There are also some people that go to the games because there is simply nothing better to do.

"I go to the games because there is nothing better to do. Hey, remember we live in Shaker," sophomore Lindsay Mirmelstein said.

Junior Lauren Heller goes because she has no choice.

"I am the team's manager so I have to go, but I'd probably come to some of the games anyways because all my friends are there," Heller said.

The players appreciate all the fan support.

"Some of our players like to play for the crowd. A bigger crowd sometimes makes us play better," Simon said.

Once the season ends the fans will have to find another sport to follow, and another place to spend their weekends, but for now they help make the game more exciting.

Basketball team clinches Erie Division

BY MICHAEL BECKER
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It has been three years since Malcolm Sims led men's basketball to the top, but now with a near perfect 15-4 record, the team is back as a city-wide force.

Last year was a rebuilding season, but Shaker was still able to tie for the Lake Erie League Erie Division title. This year the team has stepped up their play and is now ranked fifth

in the Plain Dealer seven county region.

"I thought we had an opportunity for a good year," head coach Bob Wonson said. "We have better players than last year."

Wonson said three sophomores that played a key role last year, Michael Sims, Jermaine Kimbrough and Dejuan Goodwin, have all improved now that they are juniors.

"They are all outstanding players," Wonson said.

He also added that the inside game of this year is superior to last year's squad.

"[Junior] Shawn Wright, [junior] Aaron Paine, [senior] Kamale Nunn, [junior] Josh Perkins-Mchamm and [senior] Kevin Brooks are all better players in the post than last year," Wonson said.

Wonson added that despite the five junior starters (Goodwin, Kimbrough, Sims, Wright and Paine), the seniors are

instrumental to the team's success.

"Seniors Preston Reaze, Sean Malone and Nunn have really done a good job helping me. We are a junior dominated team, but it is the seniors that make a big contribution," he said.

The coach was also pleased with the team's depth, which enables Shaker to wear down their opponents.

"We have played nine players in every game," he said.

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The leading scorers are Sims and Kimbrough but the team plays well together.

"If Michael or Jermaine are not scoring either me, Dejuan, Shawn or someone else

picks things up until they get on track," Reaze said. "It is a total team effort."

Reaze also felt that the players work well off the court, too.

"It is fun to be with the guys," he said. "We watch games together. If the coach tells us something we do it and we add on to it."

Despite the winning season, Wonson feels that the tournament should be challenging.

"We probably have the most difficult sectional/district tournament in the state. Four of the top 10 teams in the area are represented," he said.

The players are also looking ahead toward the post season.

"Right now we try to take every game step by step," Wright said. "We have the potential to get out of districts."

Wonson thinks that the tough competition of the L.E.L. could help in the post season.

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In order for small teams to compete with bigger teams the L.E.L. divided into the two divisions. A team plays every team in their division twice, at home and away, but only plays teams from the other division once. In basketball games against either division count in league standings.

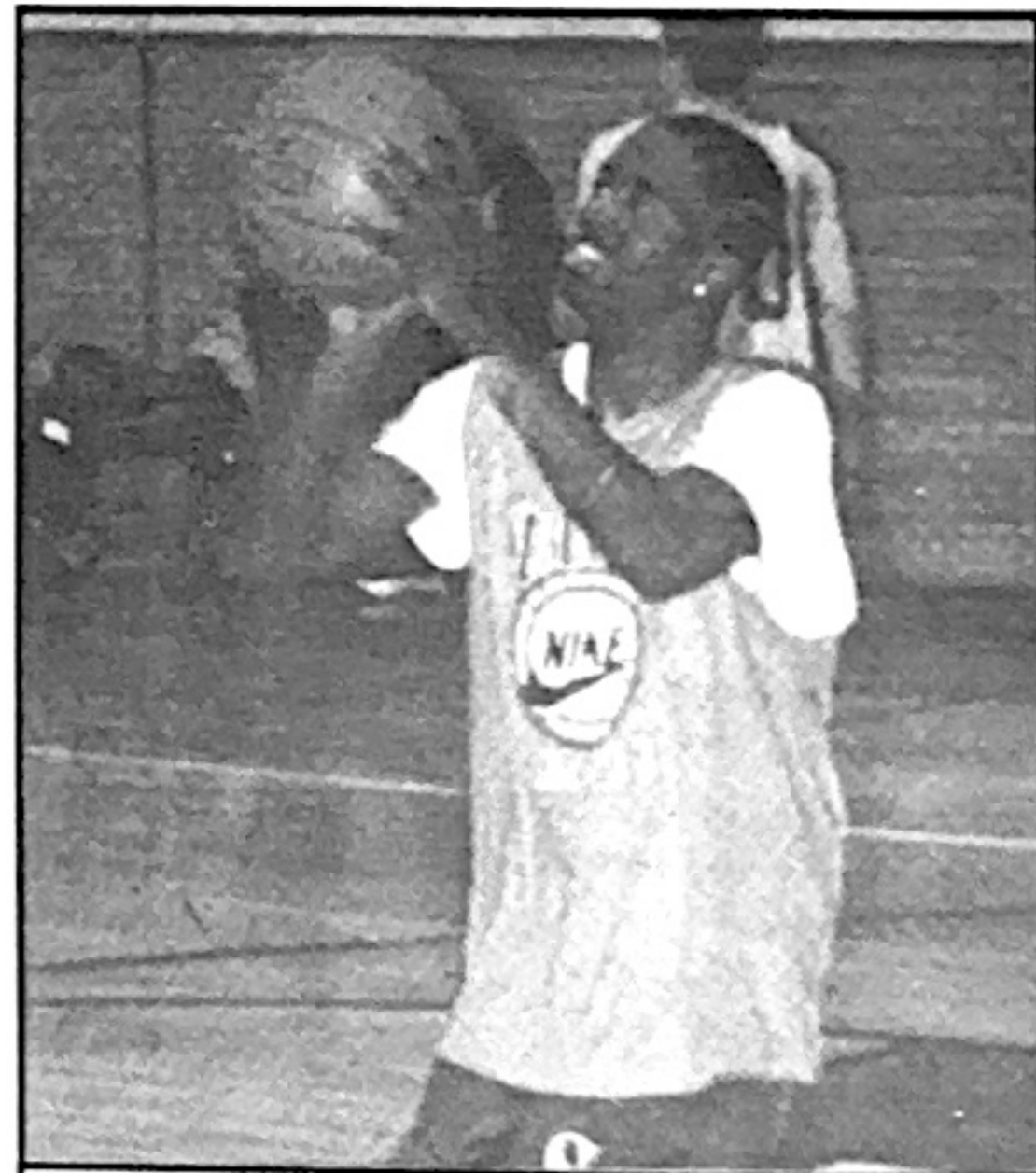
The Lake Division of the L.E.L. includes three top teams in the area—Mentor, Lakewood, and Heights, the number one team in the state. Lakewood and Heights are the only L.E.L. teams to have defeated Shaker.

The players are not the only ones that enjoy the games which routinely have Shaker scoring more than 80 points including three games over 100. Fans pack the gym in what becomes a Shaker hangout.

"I go up there with my friends to chill," freshman Jeanette Word said.

The thought of heading to the game to check out Shaker's star athletes is also a reason many girls attend.

"I come to watch the guys and I like



YES, AND IT COUNTS! Junior Jermaine Kimbrough pops from 15 feet. The team's successful season continues with the playoffs on Feb. 28.

Shakerite photo by Larry Latson

basketball in general," senior Marita Long said. "The hard work [the players] put in pays off."

Continuing their past tradition, the basketball team is having another fine record. Over the past eight seasons, Shaker has won more games than any other team in the L.E.L.

"I think we will be good next year," Wonson said. "A great investment in work will make a good player. The juniors should do as much as the seniors did this year and we will be good."

Gender Equality: Men and women compete for rights on the field at Shaker

BY NICOLE SUTCLIFFE
Staff Reporter

From arguing over who has a better field to complaining about old uniforms, the age old battle of men against women has managed to encompass yet another area—the athletic department.

Many students feel that women's sports at Shaker are treated differently than men's.

"Guys sports are given more attention by both the students and the faculty. People are more likely to spend their Saturday at a football game rather than watch a girl's tennis match or soccer game," sophomore soccer player Sarah Abbott said.

The fact that a certain sport does not draw a large crowd is due to the type of team it is and their record according to Athletic Director Jerry Masteller.

"You have to look at the number of sports and determine which of those are spectator and which are individual. Not many people will go to a Cross Country or Track meet. Boys would draw more by virtue of the fact that a greater number of people would watch a football game. If the team is successful it will draw more of a crowd, too," Masteller said.

There are 22 varsity sports teams at Shaker, all of which have requests and needs to be met by the school. Some students feel there are biases in the division of the facilities and money.

"The men have a better gym and the football team has a practice field as well as a game field. Most girls have only one field or none at all," freshman field hockey and lacrosse player Elizabeth Agney said.

Junior Tonia Porras, a field hockey and lacrosse player agreed.

"The boy's soccer field just received a whole new drainage system and the football team also has a newer field. Field Hockey still has to use the lawn in front of the school, which really isn't kept up," Porras said.

Masteller said funding for the sports has to do with the type of sport it is, but that the money is divided as equally as possible.

"Due to the nature of some sports, more money is required. For instance the football team needs more equipment than

the girl's field hockey team. The year girl's soccer was started, a great deal of the money was spent on them. The same went for boy's lacrosse. We purchase things for all sports according to need," Masteller said.

According to varsity women's basketball coach John Marhefka, the facilities provided are beneficial to all teams.

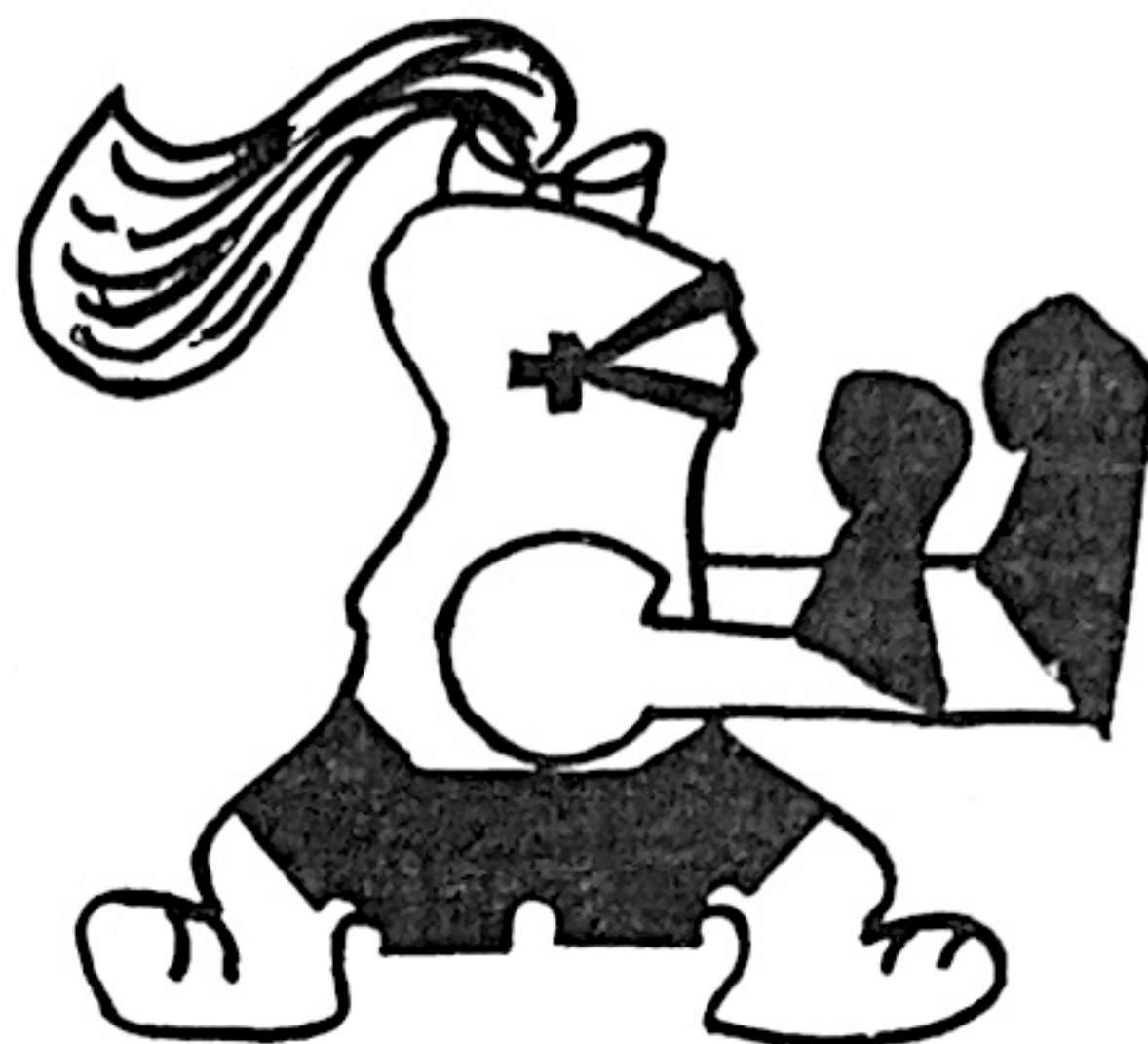
"As far as facilities go, the women's team has its choice of gyms to use. In the girl's gym [the players] pay more attention and it is less distracting. The day before a game we use the other one, though," Marhefka said.

Last year with the renovation of Woodbury's field, the men's lacrosse team was moved to Boulevard while the women's team moved to practice on the front field and play on the football field.

"I thought it was unfair at first, but when we were given the football field to play our games on I thought it was better" senior lacrosse, field hockey player and swimmer Sarah King said.

Woodbury is not the only field that will be renovated. The football and front field will be improved in the spring according to Associate Athletic Director Joe Katzenstein.

"Extensive work will be done on the field hockey field this spring and throughout the summer," Katzenstein said.



Shakerite artwork by Amy Johnson

Announcements and the promotion of games within the school are problem students feel need to be recognized.

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"I noticed the boys are seen more and you hear more about them. Girl's teams are not mentioned much," freshman Ryan Hall

said. Associate Athletic Director Jill Allen stated that the announcements and recognition are up to not only the school but to the coaches and team themselves.

"It is a two way street. Coaches need to be consistent with providing the information or else we can't make the announcement," Allen said.

While the promotion of athletics is up to the players and coaches, the encouragement of women participating in athletics is not equal to that of men's, according to

social studies teacher and varsity men's basketball coach Bob Wonson.

"In society males see professional sports on TV and aspire to be like them. There are not as many for females to follow. The schools job is to present encouragement for them," Wonson said.

To provide more equality in the sports programs, it is possible for women to join men's teams, but because of Title IX no men can play on a women's team.

"As long as females do not have as many opportunities as the males, Title IX will be upheld," Masteller said.

Tennis player freshman Susan Taccini said a woman should be able to play on men's sports teams as long as she likes the sport and is good at it. Sophomore soccer player Peter Gato disagreed.

"I don't think girls should be allowed to play on men's teams. It would defeat the purpose of having men's and women's teams. Each have different skill levels and mixing them wouldn't work," Gato said.

The facilities, school and equipment all try to be as equitable as possible according to Masteller. Varsity women's lacrosse and junior varsity soccer coach Liz Wilson agreed.

"Sometimes equal is not always the same," Wilson said.

Wrestlers pin opponents

BY BRENDAN MASINI
Staff Reporter

This year's wrestling team looks to take its successful season deep into tournament play.

Led by captains, senior Mark Harris, Oliver Cullis, Demetrius Scott and junior Josh Greenspan, the mat men of Shaker have gone to a 10-7 record with two dual matches remaining. These matches are against Garfield Heights and Cleveland Heights. Both are considered tough by coach Hank Kornblut. He feels a victory is possible if the entire team is healthy. However, regardless of health, he said all his wrestlers will do their best and whatever happens will happen.

Kornblut said this year's relatively young squad has exceeded expectations and have dominated some opponents seen by their 52 to 12 victory over Parma.

"We're doing much better than we expected," Harris said.

The coach said this Shaker team has done better than any team in the last nine years. He attributes this team's success to its tremendous depth. Although Shaker has seen great individual wrestlers in the past, such as Peter Nathanson, class of '93, never before have there been this many talented wrestlers on the same team at one time.

Kornblut attributed hard work and a good attitude to part of the team's success. He praised senior Mark Harris, juniors Kore Sharpley, Ben and Josh Greenspan, Alphonso Durden, Mike Loveman, and Heath Butzer for their hard work.

"This team has more heart as far as going out and doing their best. They are really pushing themselves because they don't want to get creamed all over the mat," Harris said.

This attitude has pushed the team through the season and led them to play a solid league tournament, including a fourth place finish, best in Shaker history.

For the sectional tournament, which starts today, each team may enter one person in each weight class. The top four wrestlers in each class then move on to the district tournament and the top four from there move on to the state tournament.

"We have a lot of guys this year who can make it to states," sophomore Mike Cohen said.

Kornblut named Harris, Sharpley, Scott, and both Greenspans as those who have a shot of placing at states.

Harris feels next year will also be successful because a majority of the team will be returning.

"Next year the team will probably be even better because it's so young. That is what's so positive about this team. They have lots of time to develop," Harris said.

Raiders of the Month



MIKE O'LOUGHLIN. This junior was instrumental in the hockey team's successful year. He is looking forward to spreading the winning ways into the state tournament.

Shakerite photo by Laura Kushnick



SHELLEY MORRISON. A junior cheerleader, she was key in keeping basketball crowds alive. An all season athlete, she also helped the fans of the football team stay in the game.

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Swimmers cut hair, trim times

ANGELICA ELLIOTT
Staff Reporter

Bald heads are lurking in the school hallway.

As the districts are over and state swim meets approach, the men's and women's swim teams go through a series of rituals to help prepare themselves. These rituals help prepare swimmers both physically and mentally.

According to senior Crosbie McCourt and junior Kelly Scott, the women's swim team does little things during practices, such as wearing four bathing suits and Umbro shorts in the water to increase drag and make practice more difficult.

Both swim teams change their routine before big meets by decreasing the difficulty of their practices.

"When a big meet approaches, Welsh tapers us. [Tapering is when] practices are pretty easy for about two weeks before the big meet so that we

will have plenty of energy for our races," senior Maro Enoka said.

Shaving of hair is a ritual practiced by both teams. Some swimmers say that it has both physical and mental importance.

"For the biggest meets of the year (districts and state) we usually shave down. Obviously you feel faster when you have less hair on your body, so it really plays a big part in getting pumped up for a race," Enoka said.

When the men's swim team says they shave down for big meets, they mean it. A ritual of the team is to completely shave off all of their hair. Embarrassment comes to the minds of fellow teammates juniors Dan Goldberg and Chris Hill.

"You feel kind of embarrassed about [shaving your head] the first day after it's been done," Goldberg said.

Hill agreed with Goldberg, noting that shaving becomes less traumatic with experience.

"As a freshman you don't have as much self-esteem, so it can be pretty traumatic," he said.

The women shave their legs, arms,

backs and the back of their heads as a symbol of team unity.

"Shaving is kind of a big deal for us because most of us haven't shaved our legs since Homecoming," McCourt said.

McCourt and Scott also said that the team has dinners and buys t-shirts every year to express unity.

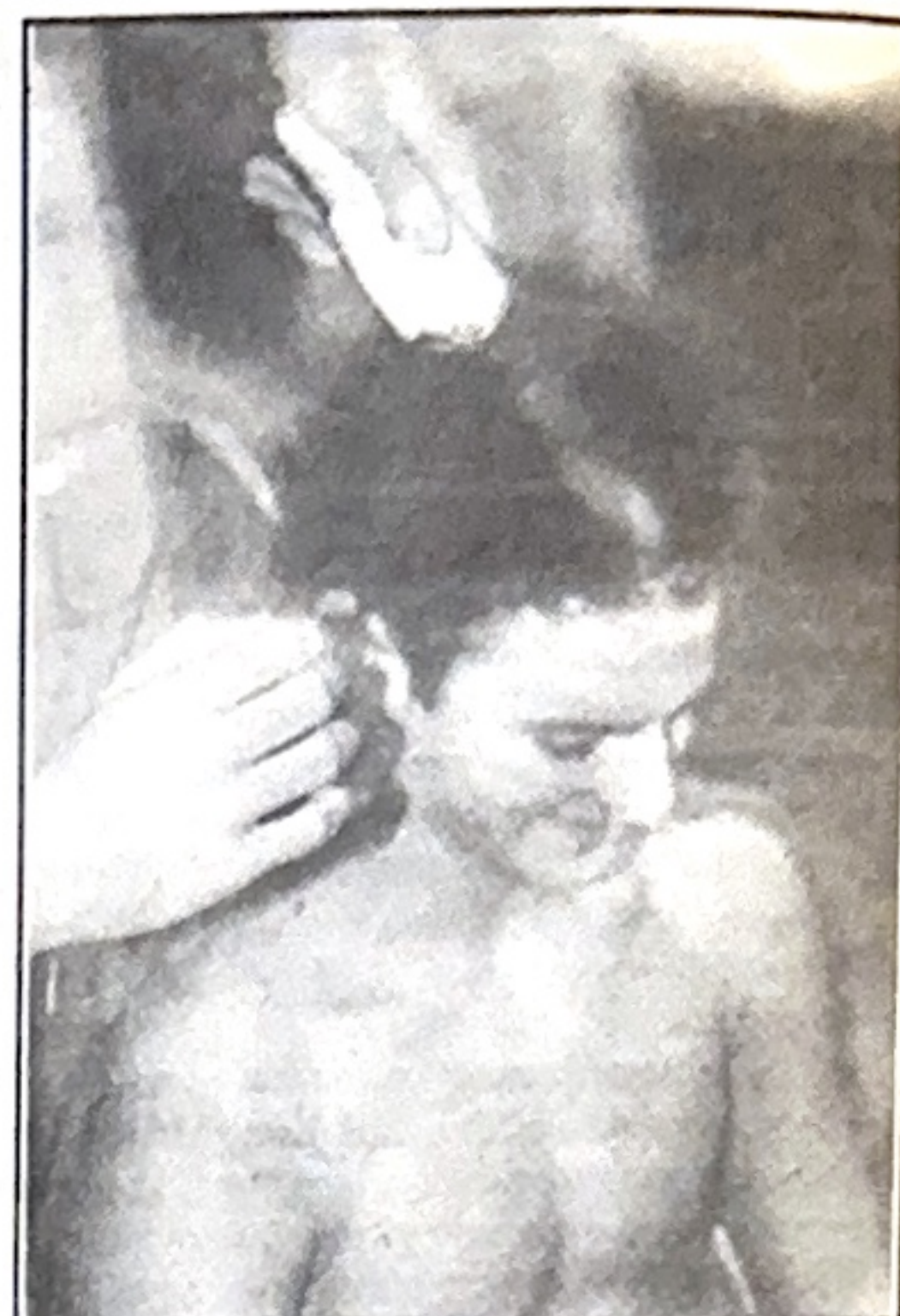
"We used to wear fake tattoos at our big meets, but tattoos are not allowed anymore," Scott said.

According to Hill and Goldberg, the men's team usually makes a tape of mixes of their favorite music for the trip down to state and districts. The team also has a ritual to get them psyched.

"We watch *Rocky* the morning of districts," Goldberg said.

"The training scene really gets us pumped," Hill added.

Whether or not their success is a result of these rituals, or just plain hard work, the swim teams are a force to be reckoned with. The women's team placed first in the district meet, while the men's team placed third. These rituals will be carried through the state meet.



GOING, GOING GONE! Freshman Matt Cohen is shaving his head as part of a swimming ritual. The state meet starts today.

Shakerite photo by Brendan Masiri

RED RAIDER WRAP-UP

MEN'S BASKETBALL

RECORD: 15-4
LEL RECORD: 10-2
JV RECORD: 15-4

- The team has already clinched the Erie Division of the Lake Erie League.
- The leading scorers are juniors Michael Sims and Jermaine Kimbrough.
- Last game on Feb. 18, they were defeated by Heights.
- Their next game is home against Warrensville tomorrow.
- The sectional tournament begins on Tuesday.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

RECORD: 8-12
LEL RECORD: 5-8

- The team has struggled with injuries to seniors Krysten Dean and Leslie Waller.
- Season ended in sectionals.

WRESTLING

RECORD: 10-7
LEL RECORD: 4-4

- Mark Harris, fourth, Josh Greenspan, 10th, Ben Greenspan, 11th, Demetrius Scott, 12th and Kore Sharpley, 20th are ranked in the state.

ICE HOCKEY

RECORD: 15-5-2
GCHL RECORD: 10-3-1

- Another successful season for the Raiders in which they won the Red Division of the Greater Cleveland Hockey League.
- In the first postseason tournament, the Baron Cup, the team lost in the second round to St. Ignatius.
- The team then advanced past of the sectional tournament of the state playoffs.
- Now the team is playing in the district tournament, which runs through tomorrow.

WOMEN'S SWIMMING

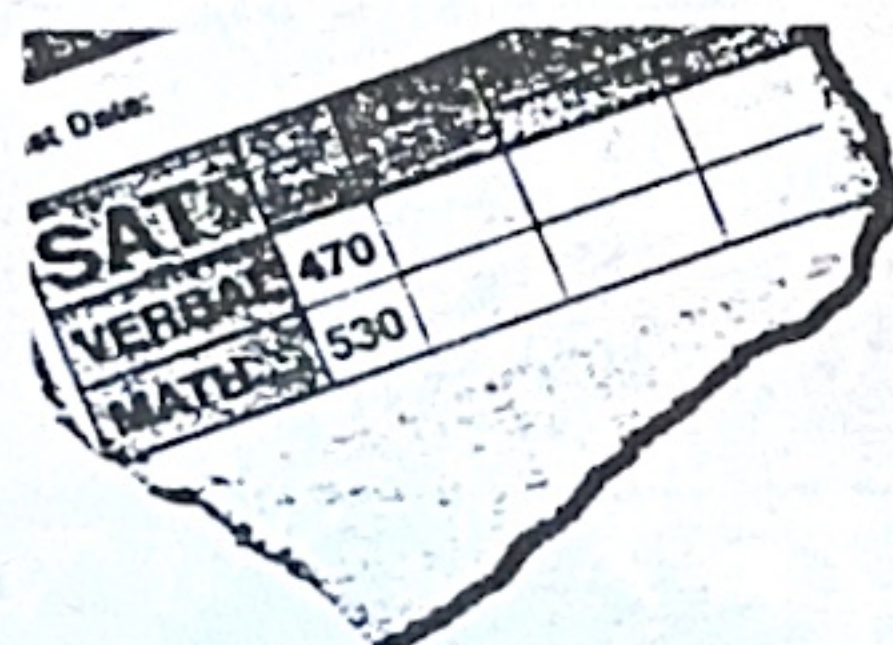
RECORD: 10-0
LEL RECORD: 6-0

- L.E.L. champions.
- North-Northeast District champions.
- State meet starts today.

MEN'S SWIMMING

RECORD: 10-0
LEL RECORD: 7-0

- L.E.L. champions.
- Tied for third in North-Northeast District meet.
- State meet starts today.



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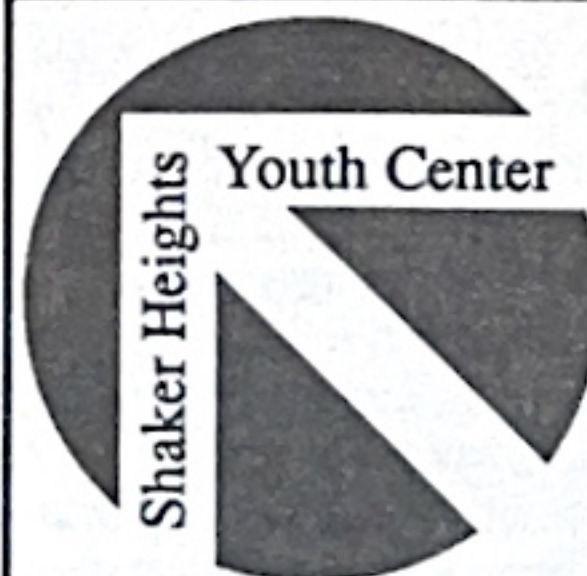
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